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# DERBY SWEEP ISSUE.

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TEST CASE.

"TICKET" DEFINED.

That a document claimed by officials of the South China Athletic Association to be an announcement of allotment of chances in the Derby Sweepstake was a lottery ticket within the meaning of the Gambling Ordinance as amended in October last, was the judicial ruling made by Mr. Schofield when he was called upon yesterday afternoon to decide on two summonses taken out by the Police authorities against an executive official of the Association. The Association was fined \$10.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, the Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Police authorities, together with Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds (set out in the summonses as the complainant). Mr. C. G. Perdue (Director of Criminal Intelligence), and Mr. T. H. King (Deputy Inspector General of Police).

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence, there being also present a number of officials of the Association, including the Chairman (Mr. Luke O'Brien).

Two summonses were brought against Mr. Ho Yun-kwong, in his capacity as an Executive Officer of the Association, these being:

(a) that on various dates in February he was the person having the care and management of the South China Athletic Association, a social club, on the 14th floor of the China Building, which premises were used for the purpose of a lottery contrary to Section 6 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1891, and

(b) that on various dates in February, at the South China Athletic Association he printed or published, or caused to be printed or published, lottery tickets in respect of a Sweepstake for the Hongkong Derby Race at the Spring Meeting, 1931, contrary to Section 9, of the Gambling Ordinance, No. 2, of 1891.

Mr. Lo, after admitting the collective responsibility of the Executive Officials of the Association as represented by one of their number in the proceedings, asked his worship to take a plea of "not guilty" to both summonses. To save time he said in getting at the real issue, which was to determine whether a certain document to be produced in the case was or was not a ticket within the meaning of the new Ordinance, he had already intimated to the prosecution that he was willing to make any necessary admissions of facts.

After his Worship had decided that a certain document to be produced in the case was or was not a "ticket," he would address his Worship on the question of penalty. If his Worship should hold against him, he would then submit that except that a technical breach had been committed by failure to apply for permission under the new Ordinance, the Hon. Inspector General of Police was satisfied with the bona fides of the Association, and had accepted the explanation that they were under the impression that the Ordinance passed in August constituted permission as to render any further formal application unnecessary. He understood the Police authorities accepted all that, and that they were not to use a common parlance, "making a song" about it.

Trimmed down to its legal issue, the case then became a test case, as it was left to his Worship to give a judicial ruling as to whether it was a lottery, and if such whether the document to be produced was a lottery ticket within the meaning of the Ordinance.

## Police Evidence.

Evidence in support of the case for the Police was first given by an interpreter employed at the Detective Offices at Headquarters. This witness stated that on instructions from his superior officer, he visited the premises of the Association in China Building on February 13, for the purpose of purchasing a ticket on the Derby. He saw a man named Lam whom he knew to be a member of the Association, who handed him upon his asking, a number of papers from which he was asked to select one. He chose one which was numbered 12584, and gave Lam ten dollars.

Mr. Fung Siu-kin, a translator from the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs, handed in a translation he prepared of the document in question, which it was stated was on "letter paper for use by the Race Lottery

Executive Committee." It read as follows:

For the perusal of member, Mr. An requested, we have hereby appropriated to you chance No. . . . of the Race Lottery in stituted by our Association for it members in respect of the Hong Kong Derby Sweepstake to be held in the Spring of 1931, which we hope you will take note of and send us the amount for that number as soon as possible for confirmation, other wise it will be void. We specially notify you, and in the meantime offer our seasonal greetings.

This was compared with a translation prepared by Mr. Lo's clerk, and which Mr. Lo said offered no substantial divergence, except in the wording between the terms "allotted" and "appropriated."

A further document read:

To Mr. Ho Yun Kwong, Member of Our Association. We have allotted to your membership at your request Race Chance No. 12584 of the Hongkong Derby Sweepstake held by our Association for our own members for Spring, 1931. We beg that you will note and send us the amount for the number, so as to confirm this. Failure of payment will make this null and void. This is specially for your information and with regards.

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds stated that on Saturday afternoon by the Director of Criminal Intelligence, he visited the premises of the Association, by virtue of a warrant. The object of the visit was explained to the officials present, and as a consequence witness when he left took away a file cabinet. From this he produced several books containing names, and papers, each containing ten numbers, as exhibits.

Case for Crown.

The case for the Crown closed with this evidence.

In his case for the Crown, the Public Prosecutor argued that it had been shown that the defendant had printed or published, or caused to be printed or published, the all-important document at issue. The question next arising, was whether it was a lottery ticket, and what was a lottery ticket? Counsel's answer to that question was that it was a lottery ticket. He defined the interpretation as set out in the Ordinance, and submitted that there was no question of the Sweepstake organized by the Association being a lottery—that being held by this Court many times before and at Home.

They now came to the important issue: If the South China's undertaking was a lottery and not a Sweepstake under the saving Section—the new Section 18, inserted as an amendment in October last—then having regard to the particular acts testified to by the Police officers in evidence, was this ticket a lottery ticket?

What was a ticket? It was difficult Counsel remarked, to define. He had looked up definitions on the subject, but these authorities whom he had looked up talked about most things except that what he really wanted to find. "I find that one of the definitions in the law dictionary is that it talks about things which you don't want to find."

He had to have recourse to the popular definitions, and in this connection he relied on two dictionaries. The first of these, Webster's, might be objected to on account of its being an American dictionary and there being some bias, but the definition it had of "a ticket" was well worth considering: "A ticket is a card with words or characters on it showing that the holder is entitled to something." The definition of the other dictionary had it that "a ticket is a slip bearing some evidence of the holder's title to some service or privilege to which it admits him."

Counsel submitted that the document in the case came well within the meaning of a ticket as defined under one or other of these two dictionaries. "What I am asking your Worship to decide, then, is whether this document on the face of it is a lottery ticket. I am submitting that there is no doubt about its being a lottery ticket. It contains a number. A lottery ticket must convey to you this information, that you are the owner of a particular chance, otherwise there is nothing at all. You are therein described as the particular owner of a particular number. This is the one characteristic of a lottery ticket. It is the one thing you expect in a lottery—the only thing you expect in a lottery, namely a number."

Counsel spoke of his own experiences in connection with the buying of lottery tickets, and coming to local provisions, said the Legislature here had met a certain Regulation embodied in the new Section 18, whereby ordinary sporting and social Clubs with the approval of the Inspector General of Police, not necessarily arbitrarily exercised, were

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Recollects, just as he gets home, that he's forgotten to bring what his wife told him was so important for the week-end.



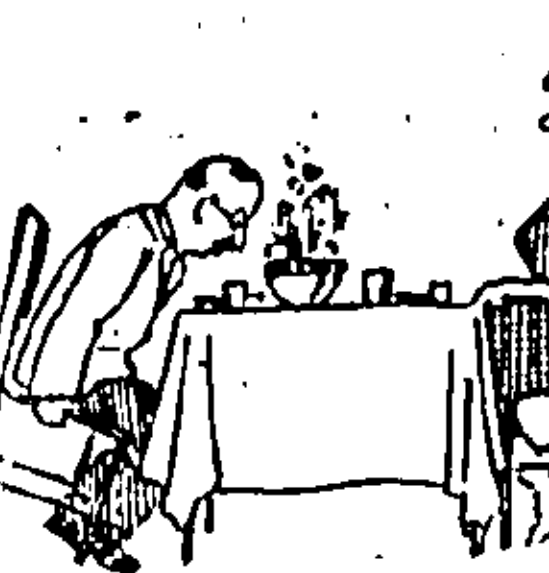
Ponders. Shall he nip round to chemist. But he's fainting for his lunch.



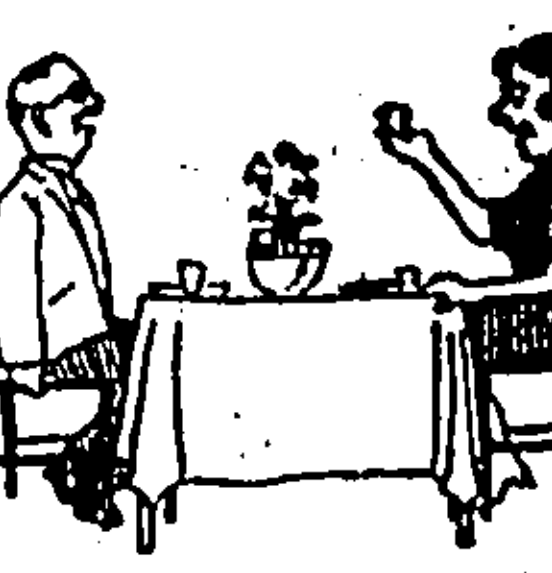
Or leave it until after lunch, hoping Martha won't remember to ask him immediately.



Decides to put a bold front on it. He can fall back on untruths if necessary.



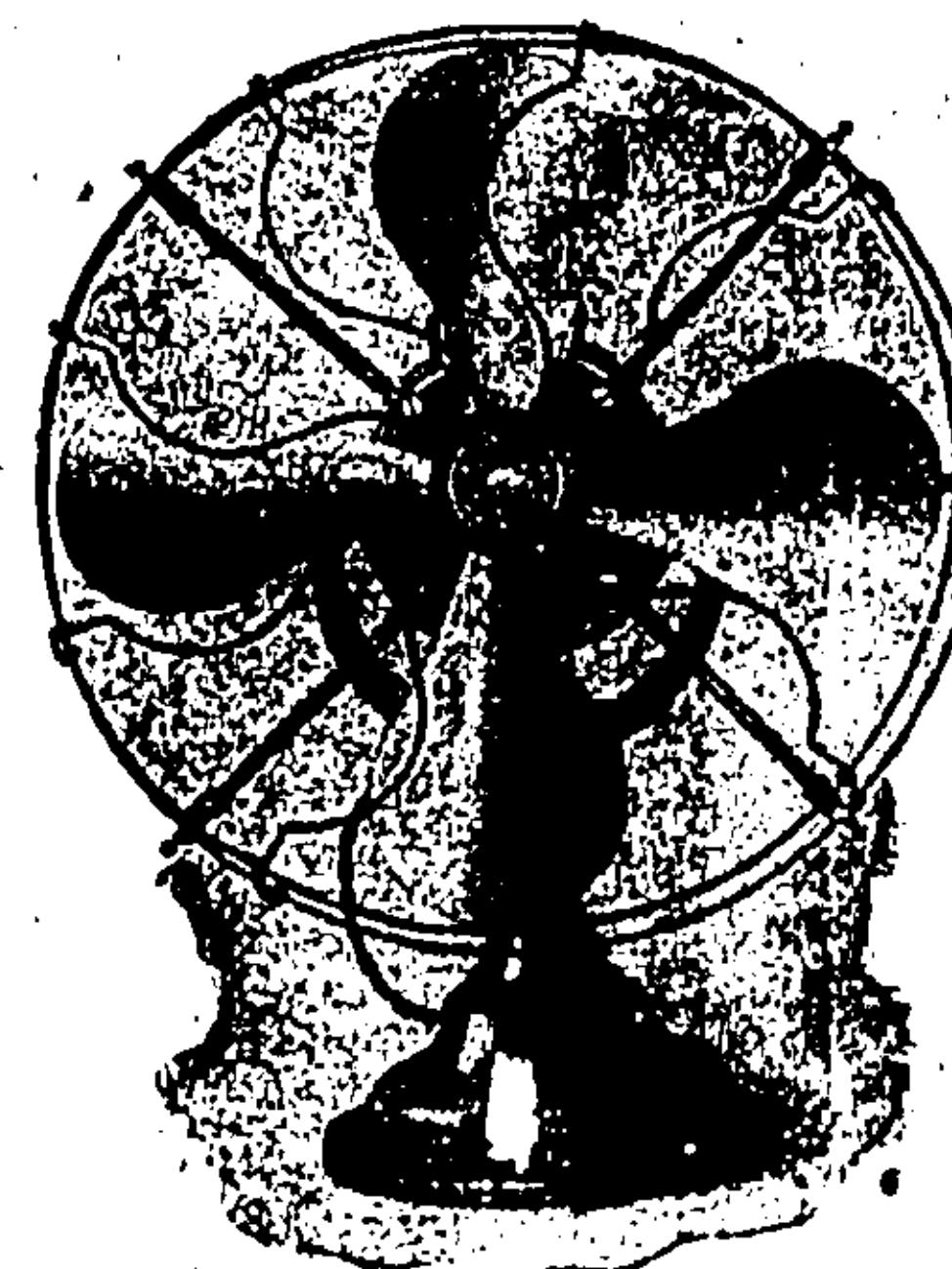
Sits down with hand-dog guilty look. Martha says: "It's quite obvious you've forgotten."



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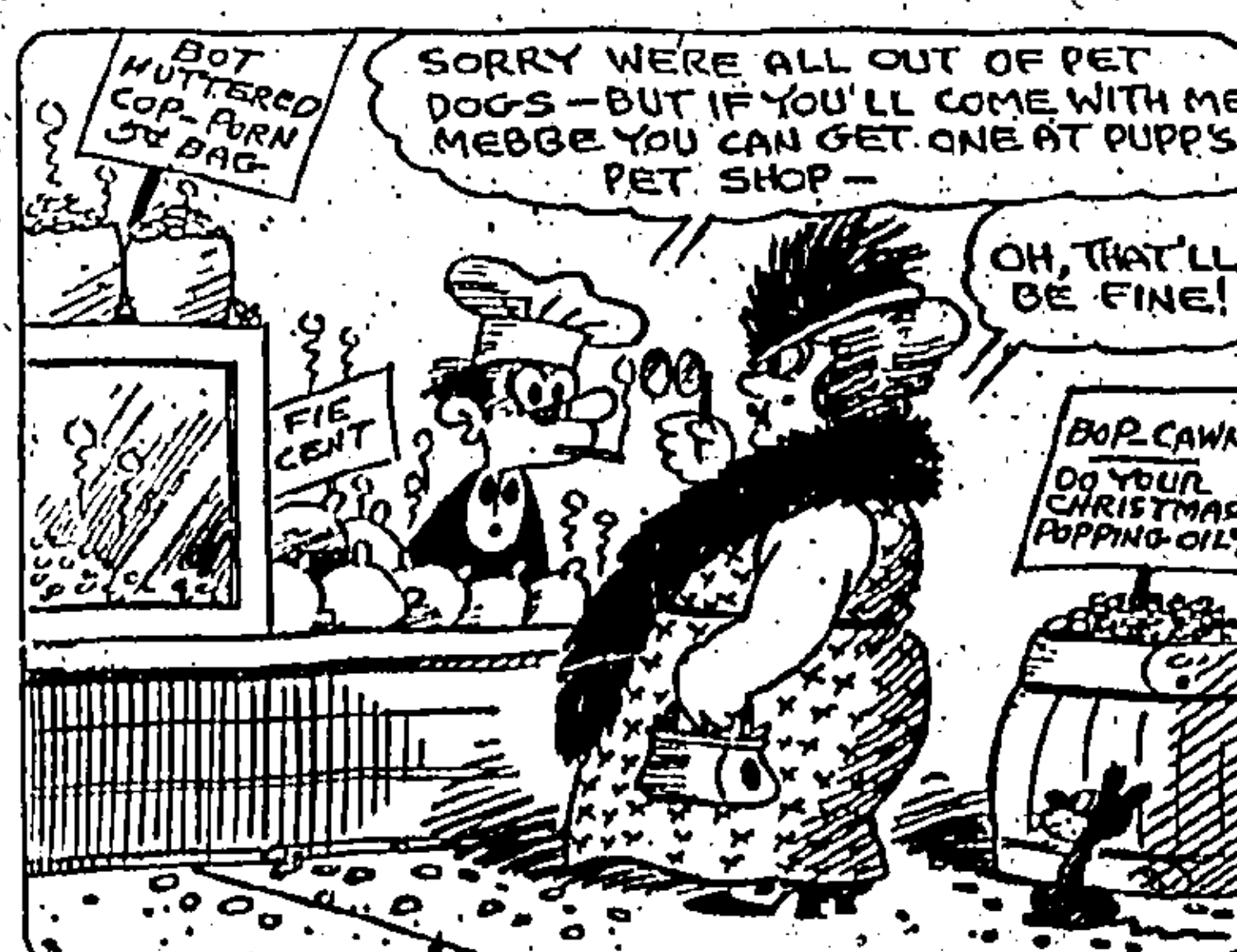
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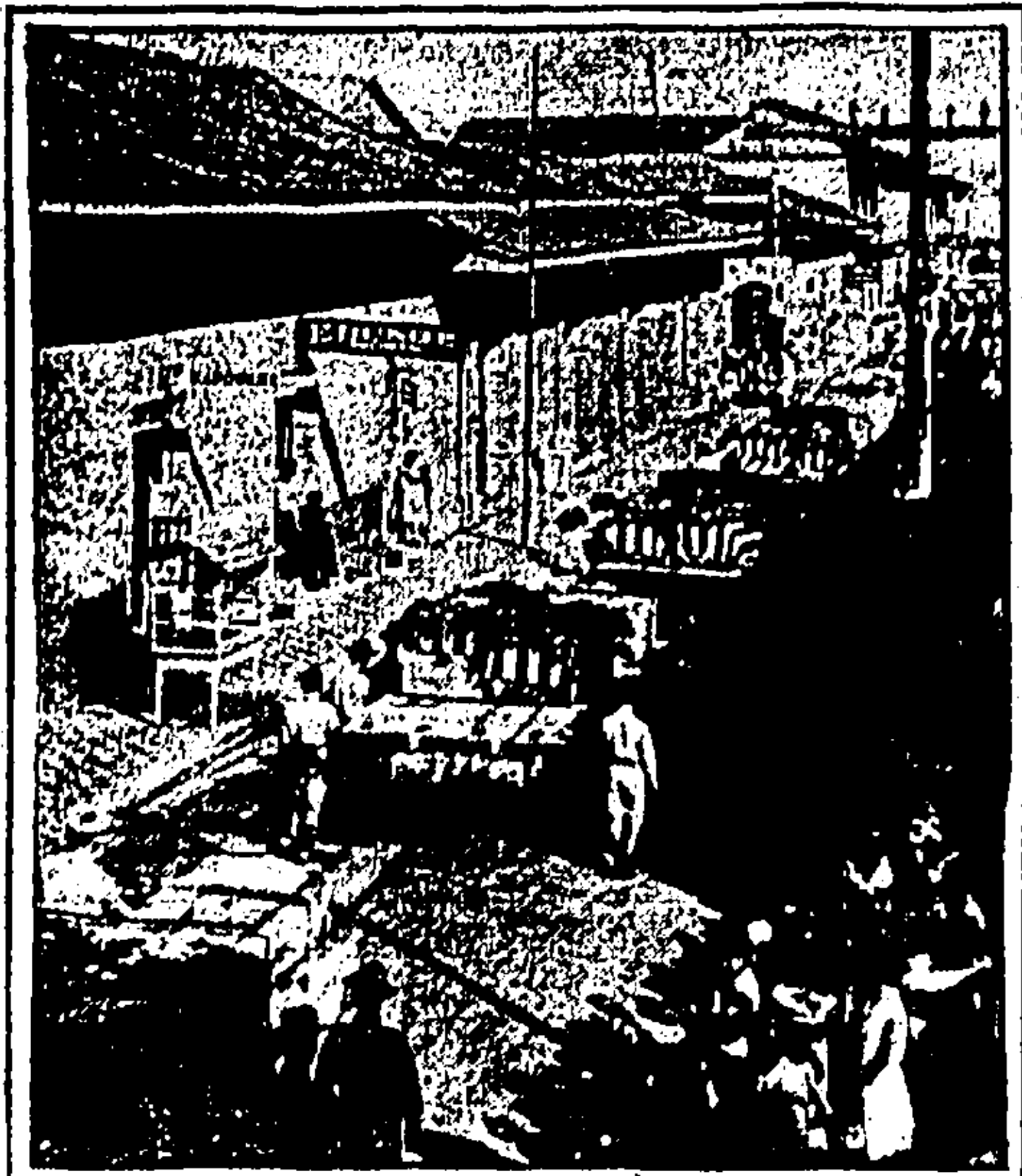
**Dog Gone!**



**By Small**







Our photo shows the solemn scene at Managua when the bodies of the eight marines killed in ambush were borne through the streets to be shipped back to America.



The women of America are taking a keen interest in relief organization in the drought-stricken area. Above is the scene at a luncheon, where Mrs. Hoover was the guest of honour, arranged for the purpose of discussing the issues.



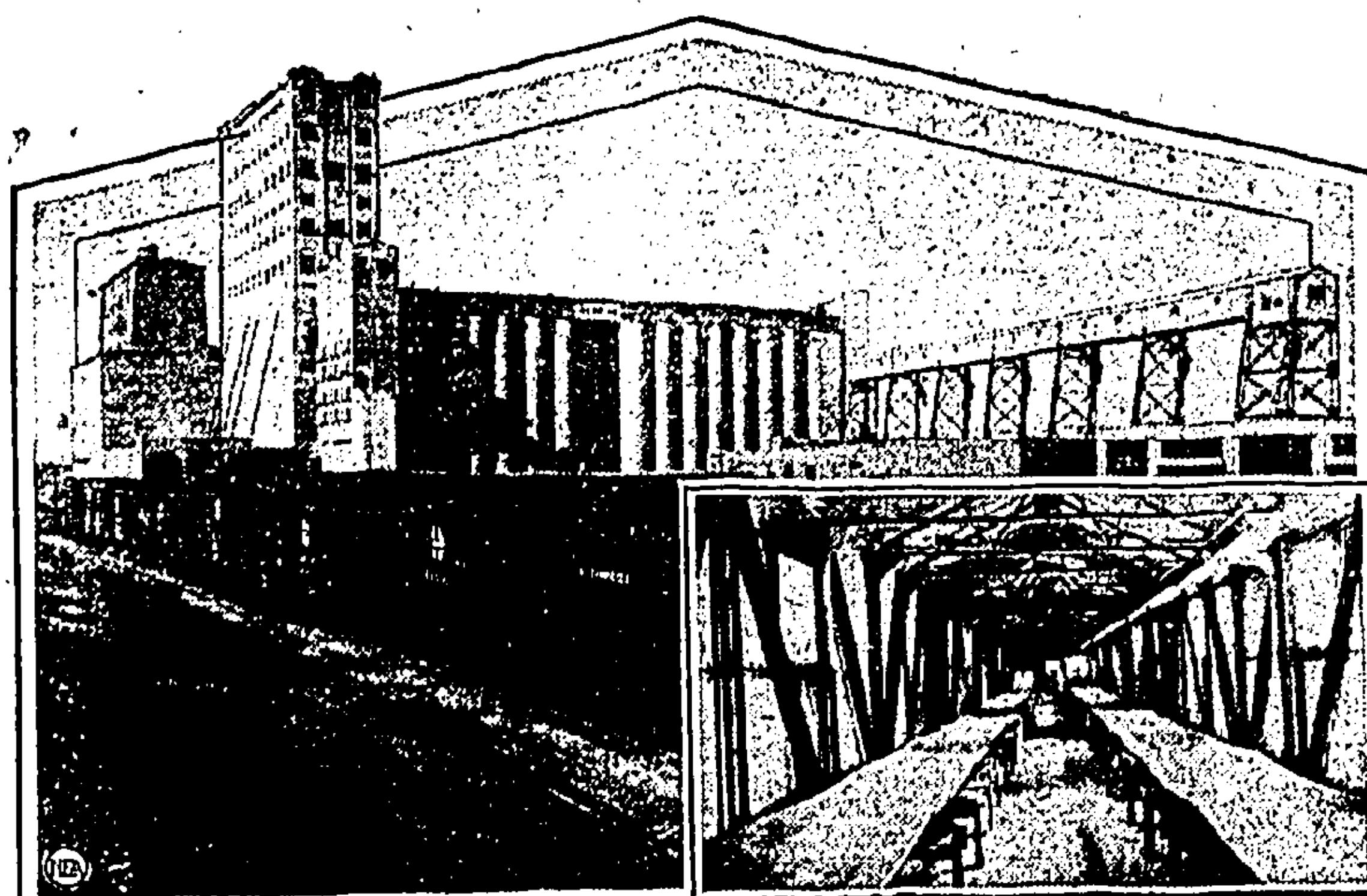
A curious incident in the battle between Mac Baer and Tom Heeney, which the former won on a knockout. Heeney is seen climbing back into the ring after tripping over the bottom rope. Jack Dempsey did not pick up the proper count; Heeney resumed on the count of eight, later to be told he had been knocked out.



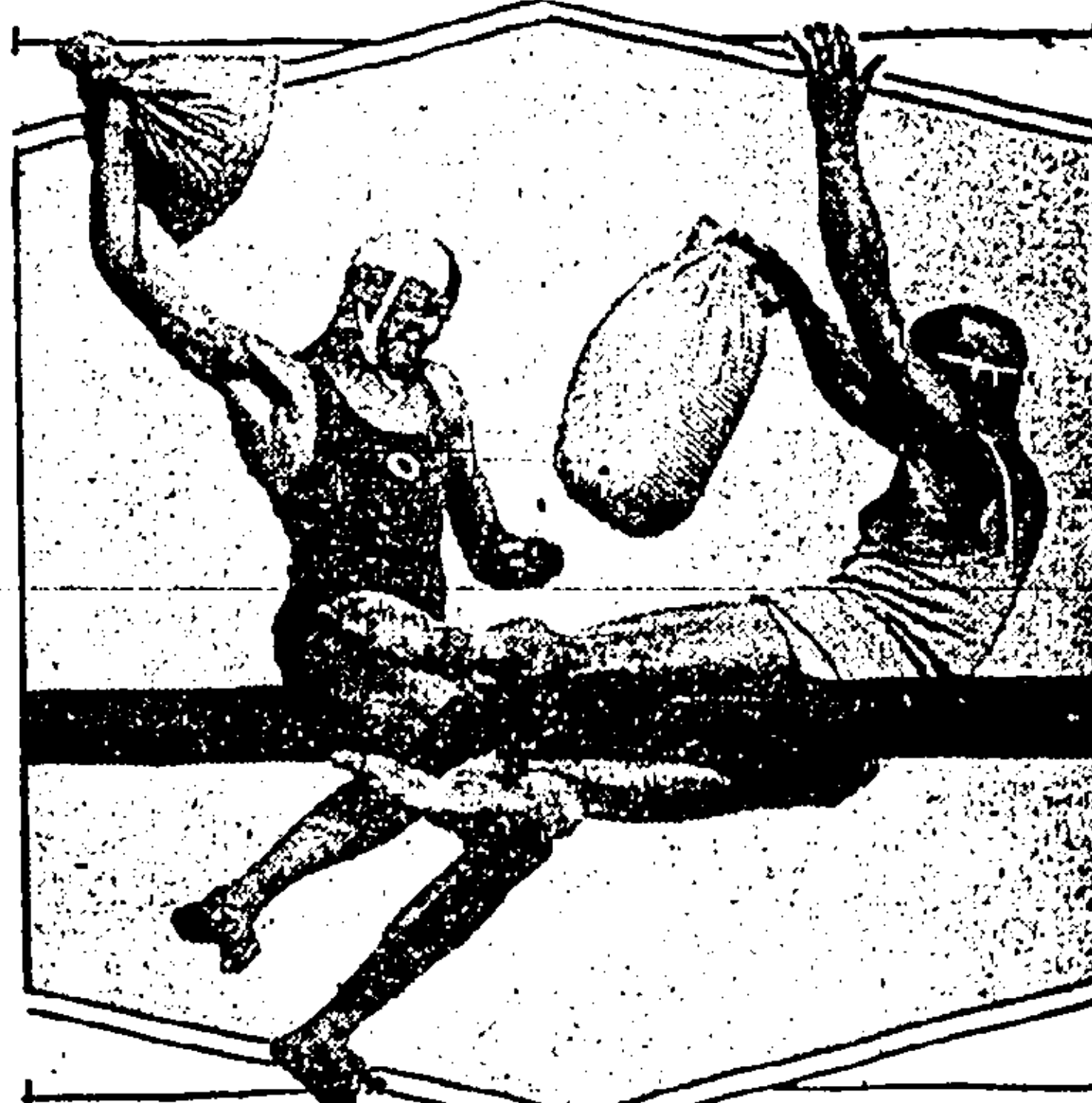
Governor W. H. Murray of Oklahoma surprised attaches at his State Office recently by bringing his lunch to office in a paper bag. He declares he has no time to go out to a restaurant.



Our photo shows the French Ambassador in Washington decorating Col. Lindbergh, the American flyer, with the Commander's Order of the Legion of Honour.



A recently completed elevator at Galveston, Texas, with a capacity for 6,000,000 bushels of grain. At right are two of the 42-inch belts which carry the grain to and from the storage bins.



A new kind of pillow fight in an aquatic setting which is becoming popular in Australia. The pole is greased and the water below is exceedingly wet.



Mrs. Juanita Burns, who claims to have established a woman's altitude record of 28,000 feet in an open cockpit aeroplane.



Mr. F. S. Symthe, of the Kanchan Junga Expedition, and his bride, Miss K. M. Johnson, (Times copyright.) The destructive fire at the William Amior Company, Philadelphia is seen at its height in the above picture.



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COMPANY LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

The Exchange Banks will be open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon, for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th March, 1931. (Race Meeting).  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1931.

## NOTICE.

RACE MEETING.  
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 2nd 3rd and 4th March, 1931, all Departments will be CLOSED at 1 p.m.

On these days,  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting 1931.

THE TEFIN INTERVAL on the last four days will be taken after the fifth race on each day.

By Order,  
C. H. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1931.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT  
COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 2nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
ALLAN KEITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS  
DURING THE RACES, 1931.

## NOTICE.

I. All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nel-Chung will proceed via Arsenal Street, Hennessy Road, Percival Street, Leighton Hill Road and round the Happy Valley via Wong-Nel-Chung Road to the entrance gates.

Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Gap Road and Queen's Road East. These arrangements will be in force between 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

II. Passengers will alight from and Board Trams and Buses at:—

(1) The main Public entrance gate and (2) the members entrance gate only.

III. Trucks and persons carrying large burdens will not be permitted West of Percival Street or East of Murray Road between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

IV. Pedestrians must walk on the footpaths, and not on the roadway.

V. Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.

VI. Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.

VII. Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying is liable to be destroyed.

(Ordinance 1 of 1945, section 16 sub-section 3).

Note: There will be one-way traffic only in Queen's Road East from the Monument to Arsenal Street from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

The one way traffic will run from East to West. Kennedy Road will be open to West bound traffic only from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Vehicles proceeding up Stubbs Road will proceed via Arsenal Street, Johnston Road, (Old Praya East), Wanchai Road, Morrison Hill Road and Morrison Gap Road.

Parking of Cars at the Race Course.

1. The Staid at the Public entrance is reserved for P.D. owners.

2. Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club, and Village Road reserved for Private cars.

3. Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Inspector General of Police,  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1931.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 28th February 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 16th February, to Saturday, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
HOTELS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Thursday the 16th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1930, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 1st April, 1931, until Thursday, the 16th April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
F. C. BARRY,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1931.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the next Bi-Annual race for the above Trophy will be sailed on Tuesday, the 24th March, 1931.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock (P) Mark boat off Yacht Club (S) Mark boat off Cust Rock Beacon (P) Finish at Yacht Club across line. West to East and leaving markboat to Port.

Applications for Entry should reach me on or before noon on Monday, the 23rd March.

R. J. VERNALL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
R.I.K.Y.C., 24th February, 1931.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONGKONG

No. 1 of 1931.

(COMPANIES (WINDING-UP)).

In the Matter of the Chinese Partnerships Ordinance 1911

and

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinance 1911

and

In the Matter of E Hing and Company, also known as E Hing, Chan and Co. E Hing.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the Winding-up of the above-named firm by the Supreme Court of Hongkong was, on the 6th day of February, 1931, presented to the said court by Chin Lo Shi (氏羅發) of 12 Arbutnot Road, Victoria, Hongkong, Widow, a Registered Partner in the said firm. And that the said petition is directed to be heard before the court sitting at 10 a.m. on the 5th day of March, 1931; and any creditor or contributory of the said firm desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said firm requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

Dated the 26th day of February, 1931.

GEO. E. HALL BRUTTON & CO.,  
Solicitors for the Petitioner,  
St. George's Building,  
Hongkong.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above named Geo. E. Hall Brutton & Co., or the petitioner, notice in writing of his intention to do so. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person, or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served, or if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named Geo. E. Hall Brutton & Co., or the petitioner not later than six o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
HOTELS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Thursday the 16th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1930, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 1st April, 1931, until Thursday, the 16th April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
F. C. BARRY,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC  
CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 5th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING  
1931.

28TH FEBRUARY, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH  
AND 7TH MARCH, 1931.

On Saturday, 28th February the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND  
ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively). Are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax. Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, and must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,  
C. H. BROWN,  
Secretary.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Dated this 11th day of February, 1931.

By Order of the Board,  
W. L. MCKENZIE,  
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hongkong.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC  
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THE HONGKONG  
JOCKEY CLUB.ANNUAL RACE MEETING  
1931.

28TH FEBRUARY, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH  
AND 7TH MARCH, 1931.

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND  
ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively). Are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts, &c.

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### RADIO BROADCAST.

#### THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The following radio programme will be broadcast by Z. B. W. to-day on a wavelength of 365 metres:  
6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.  
6.00-6.30 p.m. Dr. K. S. Shin M.B., B.S., will give the last lecture of a series on "Infant Welfare."

7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme of Columbia and Regal Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations.  
7.02-7.25 p.m. Band Selections.  
A Moorish March (Gustav Host).

Horton Colliery Band (2nd), prize winners at The Crystal Palace Band Contest, 1919.

Mighty To Save (Musical).  
The Salvation Army's Band, 50.  
The Blue Danube Waltz (Strauss).  
Prince Eugen March (Composers Unknown).

The Bombardiers Military Band, 98.  
Langston Bay March (Y. May).

The Carlisle St. Stephen's Brass Band, 18.  
1812 Overture (Tchaikovsky).  
The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards, 576.

Sensible Medley (Published by Messrs. Lawrence Wright Music Co.).  
The Band of H. M. Royal Airforce, 105.

7.35-7.50 p.m. Two Song Medleys.  
Florrie Forde Old Time Medley (Published by Messrs. Francis Day and Hunter).

Florrie Forde and Chorus, 9461.  
Ragtime Memories (Published by Messrs. Feldman and Co.).  
The Jolly Old Fellows, 113.

7.50-8.18 p.m. Operatic.  
The Bohemian Girl-Then You'll Remember (Balfie arr. Sear).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet, 9107.  
Maritana-Scenes That Are Brightest (Wallace arr. Sear).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet, 9107.  
Carmen-Flower Song (Bizez).

Arthur Jordan (Tenor), 9204.  
The Barber of Seville-Una Voce (Rossini).

Cornet Solo by Jack Mackintosh with the Horton Colliery Band, 169.  
Faust-Soldier's Chorus (Gounod).

Chorus and Orchestra of the National Theatre Paris, 9241.  
8.18-8.48 p.m. Musical Comedy and Talkie Tunes.

Mr. Under-Vocal Gems.  
The Comedy Singers, 9325.  
The Rita-Tid Rather Have A Memory of You.

Geoffrey Gwyther and Elith Day, 51.  
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Orange Blossom Time (From Hollywood Revue of 1929).

When My Dreams Come True (From The Comedians).

General Adams (Tenor), 9445.  
Down By The Old Oak Tree (From On With The Show).

Henry Hearty and Chorus, 9144.  
8.48-9.00 p.m. Orchestral.

Nonstop Nights (Zanovnik).  
The London Novelty Orchestra, 164.  
Song Of The Volga Boatmen (Traditional).

a. Cossack Marching Song, b. Gipsy Song.  
The Cossack Orch. and Singers, 54.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.  
9.05-10.30 p.m. A Concert.

Piano Solo-Polonaise In E Flat (Chopin).  
Joe Ebanitz, 1648.

Duet-Sweet and Low (Tennyson and Barrett)-Boy and Girl Soprano.  
Evelyn Griffiths and Charles Hawtrey, 112.

Duet-Home Sweet Home (Payne and Bishop)-Boy and Girl Soprano.  
Evelyn Griffiths and Charles Hawtrey, 112.

Song-Song Of Hebrews The Cretan (Campbell and Elliott).  
Robert Easton (Bass), 9412.

Viola Solo-Charles Viennois (Kreutzer).  
Viola Solo-Ave Maria (Schubert) (Arr. Whitford).

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Song-Kathleen Arvon (Dall, O'Brien and Weston).

Song-The Click Of Her Little Brown Shoe (Dall and Weston).  
William Kennedy (Tenor), 9427.

Cornet and Trombone Duets (H. Hoffman)-Barnaby Rudge (C. Hoffman).  
Jack Mackintosh and Chorus, 111.

Song-The Pail Race (Hawtrey and Elith).  
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Model Recital (Cantelli), 9088.  
Cello Solo-The Prize Song from Molostringers (Wagner arr. Squire).

W. H. Squire, 2186.  
Cello Solo-Shepherd and his Sheep (Thimann).  
W. H. Squire, 2186.

Song-In Dearest Cellar (Pischner).  
Song-Armourer's Song from Robin Hood.

### LOCAL WEDDING.

#### TWO WELL-KNOWN CHINESE FAMILIES UNITED.

One of the most largely attended weddings ever to be celebrated in Hongkong took place yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Kenneth Chan, son of the late Mr. Chan Kai-ming, was married to Miss Jasmine Wong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kam-fuk. The union of two such well known Hongkong families attracted a great deal of interest. Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, J.P., being the Comptroller of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, and the late Mr. Chan Kai-ming having been the Managing Director of Messrs. Gande, Price and Co., Ltd., and also a member of the Sanitary Board.

The ceremony took place at St. John's Cathedral. The Rev. N. L. Watkins officiated. Mrs. Griggs being at the organ. The bride was charmingly attired in a white figured tulle dress and carried a bouquet of roses. The bridesmaids were the Misses Gertrude Chan, Beatrice Chan, Rose Lee and Stella Ho, and they wore dresses of pink satin and

### THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Varied Pictures For  
To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will contain a varied selection of pictures of topical interest.

Amongst the sporting events covered will be the Interport soccer matches, the University sports, and the visit of the Canton Citizen's Tennis Club team.

Weddings illustrated will be those of Mr. W. E. Allen and Miss E. F. Coleworthy, and of Mr. L. A. Remedios and Miss M. A. V. Ribeiro.

There will be a number of interesting groups, including one taken at the luncheon given by Sir Robert Ho Tung to the British Economic Mission, another of the Society staff at a tiffin given to Mr. P. W. Parker, and another of members of the return of the Rev. Father Byrne.

Several portraits will appear, whilst a most interesting picture is of idols smashed to pieces by the authorities in Wuchow.

carried bouquets of pink gladioli. Master Eric Ho made a dainty page boy. In the absence of Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, who is visiting the United States, the bride was given away by her brother Mr. Wong Sik-lam, the duties of best man being discharged by Mr. John Frederick Shea.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant, when nearly 1,000 guests were present. The health of the couple was proposed by Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Later the newly-married couple off for their honeymoon which is being spent in a tour of Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Java, and Indo-China. The bride's going-away dress was of cherry coloured crepe and satin with a long train and hat to match.

Wilfred Glenn (Bass), 9246.  
Cetel-Mignon-Introduction and Romance (Thomas arr. Robertson).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet, 9507.  
Cetel-Mignon-Polonaise (Thomas arr. Robertson).

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Vocal Duet-Hash! Here Comes The Dream Man (Weston Barnes and Scott)-Boy and Girl Soprano.

Evelyn Griffiths and Charles Hawtrey, 112.

Song-The Bandolero (Leslie Stuart).  
Song-Anchored (Michael Watson).

Mr. Robert Howe (Bass-Baritone), 236.  
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

### 21 YEARS AGO.

#### SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended February 26th, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 8.13/16d.

Mr. W. Keawick, formerly of Hongkong, was returned by the Epsom Division of Surrey, securing a big majority over Sir Albert Rolitt, the Liberal candidate.

It was announced that several Rugby enthusiasts had donated a cup to be played for yearly between the Army, Navy and the Hongkong Football Club.

Amongst the stories told in connection with the annual Races was one that a resident dreamt that ticket No. 185 would win the Champions. He went to the Meeting fully determined to buy that number, but as it turned up for second prize in the race immediately preceding the Champions, he changed his mind. Result:—He saved \$10.

### LADY OWEN'S COUNSEL TO APPEAL.

#### ACTION PENDING AGAINST FILM PRODUCER.

Paris, Feb. 26.

The sentence on Lady Owen is regarded in many quarters as too severe. Her counsel is preparing an appeal to the Court of Cassation, and is also said to be contemplating an appeal to President Doumergue to reduce the sentence by one or two years.

Anyhow it is not expected that she will serve the full term, as a year has already been spent in prison and must be taken into account.

Meanwhile it is learned that an action by Lady Owen against a film producer to return 80,000 francs advanced to him for a film in which she was to have starred as a languishing vamp, is pending before the Paris courts. According to Le Journal, parts of the film were "shot," but were not strikingly successful, and the venture was dropped.—*Reuter*.

[Lady (Edme) Owen, widow of the late Sir Charles Owen, has been sentenced at Versailles. As-sizes to five years' reclusion, on a charge of attempting the murder of the wife of her former lover, Dr. Gastaud. Lady Owen is a Frenchwoman and was formerly an actress. Reclusion entails civic degradation, numerous legal disabilities and regulations, while severe strict silence is enforced.]

### SILVER MINE CLOSES DOWN.

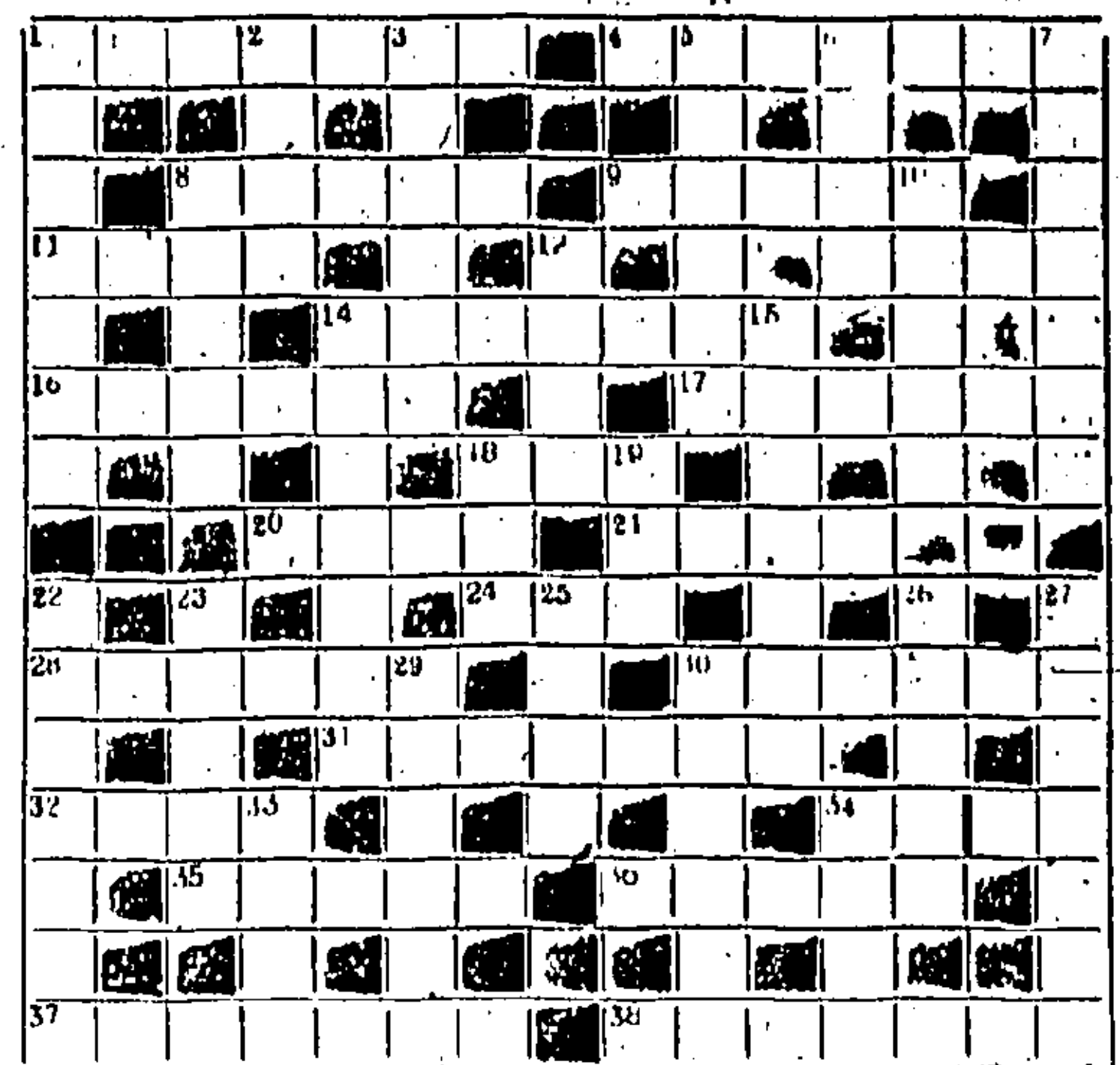
#### EFFECT OF SILVER SLUMP IN MEXICO.

New York, Feb. 26.  
A message from Mexico City says the big silver mine at Matehuala, employing 1,600 men, has closed as result of the silver crisis, which has exhausted the company's resources.—*Reuter's American Service*.

The annual health campaign under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the Chinese Y.W.C.A. will open at the Y.M.C.A. building, Bridges Street, on Saturday, at 7.30 p.m. Addresses will be given by Prof. W. I. Gerrard and Mr. T. N. Chan, and the Hon. Secretary of the Medical Association, Dr. F. L. Tyeung, will preside. The general emphasis this year will be on personal and public health.

The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., is advertised to be held on Thursday, April 16, at 11.30 a.m., at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building.

### OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



#### Across

- 1 Desert—seems a funny place for a band.
- 4 "I'm cheap" and "I'm fruit"—not cheap (anag.).
- 8 "Mostly" is all star-gazin' and moanin' and groovin' and paraphrasin'! J. W. Riley, "A Wholly Unscholarly Opinion."
- 9 Though nearly beaten, try still to reach Art's goal (hidden).
- 11 The kind of mind that convention doesn't bind.
- 13 When in a hole, one can always fall back upon this for food.
- 14 A letter in the middle of a tree is pleasing to the majority.
- 16 Immure—soundly, in rotation.
- 17 Pertaining to the old Prussian language.
- 18 Drink.
- 20 The Children of Israel 15 down to this the voice of Samuel when they clamoured for a king.
- 21 Doesn't belong to me—although partly yours and mine.
- 24 What animal sounds as though it should be clothed with leaves?
- 28 Entered in a ship's "diary."
- 30 When I am in a group I become of exalted creative capacity.
- 31 Sounds as though some hot stuff had been gathered.
- 32 Pay these in good time, and there will be no possibility of your being their anagram.
- 34 Wind in rings.
- 35 A rough kind of hut, that, nevertheless, houses a horse.
- 36 Turn aside.
- 37 Adorn.
- 38 This Church dignitary, exact and precise, consumed.

#### Down

- 1 Shakespearean sea-captain.
- 2 Twelve.
- 3 Power of choosing.
- 5 Though virtuous to a considerable extent this is fatal.

- 6 If the idiom still persists shall you give in? (hidden).
- 7 This fish had a weed.
- 8 Small.
- 10 These racing pests may become fat.
- 12 Lots of people who have a this get on.
- 14 Something to be solved.
- 15 Here the fuse is red at both ends. It is turned down.
- 18 Indeed, this sounds like 19 down.
- 19 As you will see with this.
- 22 "Sliding" (anag.).
- 23 Christian name of David Copeland's second wife.
- 25 This stand will resist.
- 26 A strong partisan who is had at last.
- 27 Like an island, this is late, with nought added.
- 29 These never become the captains of their schools.
- 30 This may be a burn' or something more serious.
- 33 Avoid this recollection of war-time.
- 34 Stuff.

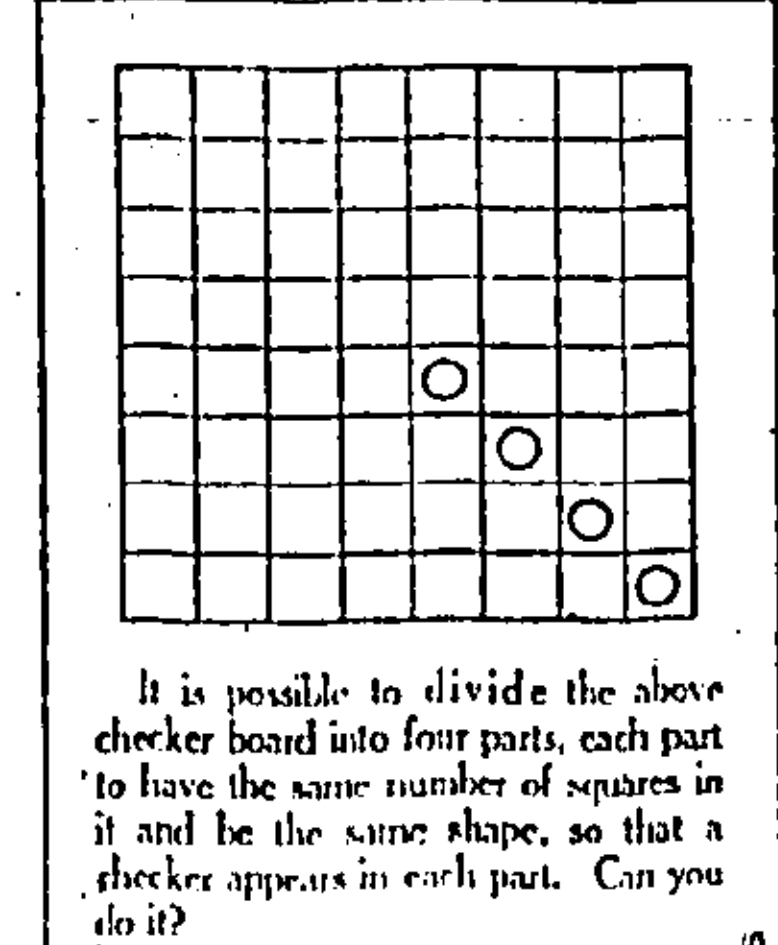
#### Yesterday's Solution

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#### Yesterday's Solution

The above diagram shows how a square chimney can be placed in the center of a house, in such a way that four rooms, of exactly the same size and shape, and each with but four square corners, may have a fireplace in the chimney.

### STICKERS



It is possible to divide the above checker board into four parts, each part to have the same number of squares in it and be the same shape, so that a checker appears in each part. Can you do it?

### SUGAR MARKET.

#### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar markets yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

#### London Terminals.

March 5/11½ no change.  
May 6/2½ down ¼d.

August 6/5¼ down ¼d.  
December 6/9¼ down ¼d.

#### New York Terminals.

March 1.23 no change.  
May 1.29 down 2 pts.

July 1.38 no change.  
September 1.45 down pts.

December 1.62 down 2 pts.

London 26/2/31.—Operators have started buying in anticipation of increase in duty which seems probable.

Samarang 26/2/31.—Market steady but with little demand.

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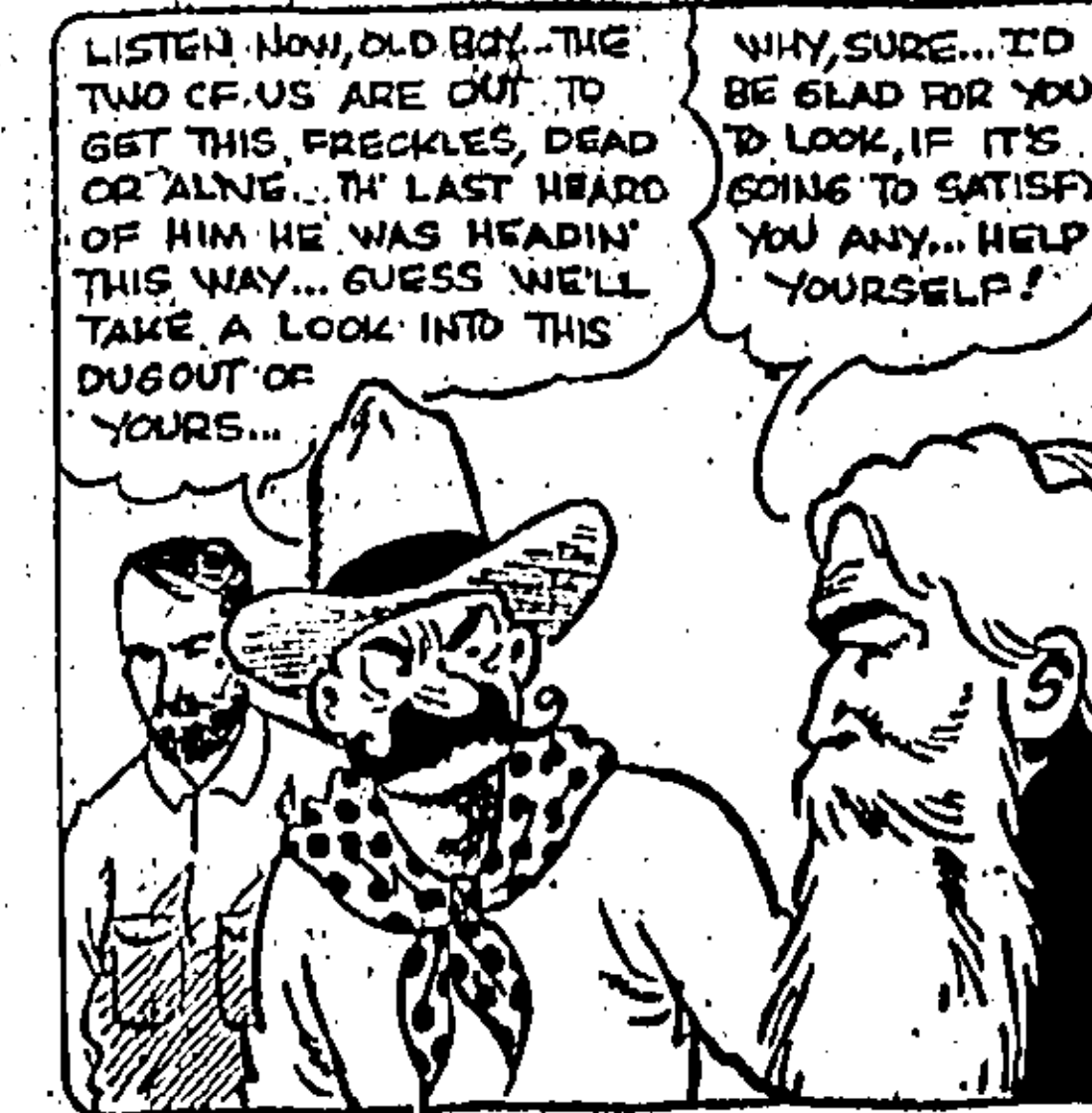
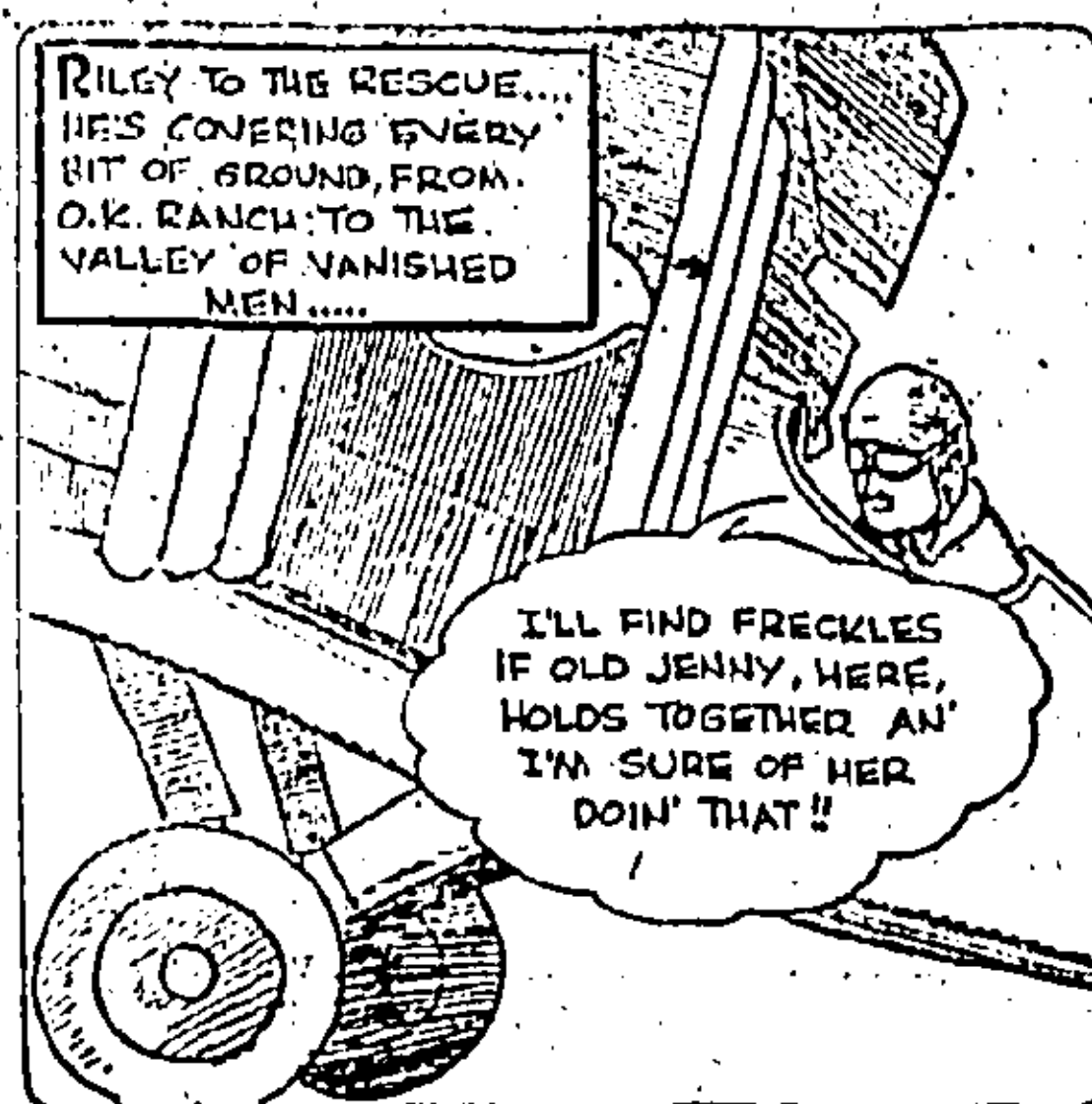
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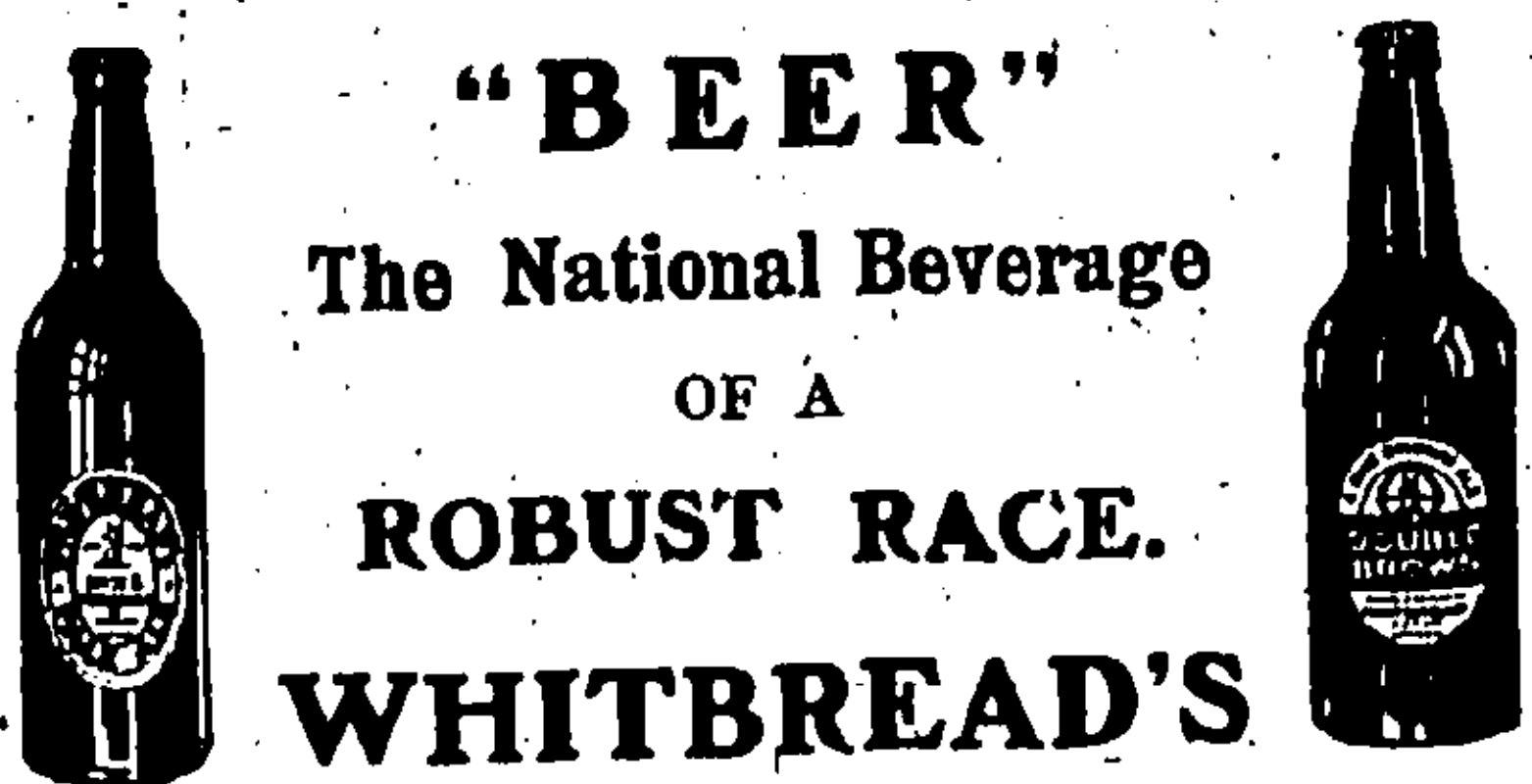
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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 1931.

## THE GOVERNMENT'S DELUSION.

The Colonial Secretary's warning that the Government is contemplating a further increase in the Assessed Taxes emphasises, in its terms, how completely out of touch are our administrators with rooted public opinion. The suggestion that the community has been in a spirit of resignation expecting the threatened increase would be comic, if it were not so utterly ridiculous. To a non-official mind it must be obvious that the community, having suffered in silence an increase of twenty-five per cent. two months ago, might, with excuse, have been proceeding in the happy delusion that the Assessment Tax would be left alone for some considerable time to come. It might even be suggested that fathoming the Government's mind on matters of this kind offers greater difficulties than are to be met with in estimating the strength of public opinion. The Government's failure in this particular direction is lamentable, though it is plain that were the community allowed to voice their views effectively, the Colonial Secretary's hopelessly wide shot in the dark would have been impossible. The explanation is clear enough. The community knows very well that the Government, in the financial field, is a law unto itself. It knows perfectly well that the Government will always proceed as it thinks fit, oblivious to protests. The classic example of this procedure was the adoption of the recommendations of the Salaries Commission at a time when the financial crisis should have been foreseen. We can just imagine the atmosphere in the Colonial Office in November when faced by a request for the reduction of Civil Servants' salaries, six months after heavy all-round increases had been approved. The public occasionally ventures a mild protest, but it is never sustained. That is the fault of the system. It certainly does not justify the Government in interpreting this apparent apathy as a "spirit of resignation" to increased taxation. Resignation, to the Government doing as they please, if you like, but not resignation to heavier tax commitments. It is a distinction with a very important difference.

Perhaps, the Colonial Secretary's error of judgment will stir the public to a clear expression of disagreement. They will eventually pay very dearly if no such effort is made to bring home to the Govern-

ment that new taxes are not absorbed without question. We believe it to be the official view that the Colony is lightly taxed, but such an opinion ignores a very important index of the amount of taxation a community can stand, the cost of living. Unfortunately, Sir William Peel comes to Hongkong from a Colony which has had the reputation of being the most expensive place in the world in which to live, Singapore. Perhaps, therefore, the cost of living factor has no direct appeal. It has to be noted, however, that that estimate was made more than a year ago, and we should be greatly surprised if a new investigation did not reveal that both Hongkong and Shanghai have supplanted Singapore in the possession of that unenviable distinction. The burden on the bulk of the community is already approaching the limit of what it can bear, and the warnings against imposing too great a strain are as plain as they can be. Present arrangements permit the Government a reduction of \$400,000 upon the deficit estimated when the Budget was approved, that is accepting the Government's very conservative estimate of the probable receipts from the increased liquor and tobacco duties. These arrangements are being effected at a cost to the Civil Servant and the tax-payer of something in the region of thirty-seven lakhs. It seems enough on a business-wrecked Colony, if our opinion is asked.

### Profiteering.

The question of what constitutes profiteering is always a debatable point. The Hon. Mr. Braga raised the issue at yesterday's Council meeting, when he uttered a complaint at the action of certain storekeepers in anticipating the revised duties on liquor and tobacco by putting up prices. To the extent that this was done, the practice is to be condemned. There can be no justification of such action. When we come to the point as to whether a dealer should sell stocks bought before the imposition of the new duties on the old rate, other considerations have to be taken into account. The same is true of any commodity which may have been bought at a higher rate of exchange than that now prevailing. The seller's attitude in many cases is that he has a right to charge the replacement cost of the article. This is considered sound business economics. All dealers do not work on that principle, admittedly. Many are content with a reasonable profit on buying costs, even though that profit be less than they would secure if they charged replacement cost. Those who act on this principle no doubt secure a bigger share of business than firms which insist on higher rates. Opinions may differ as to what constitutes a reasonable profit, but we fear that anything in the nature of Government interference would have undesirable reactions in other ways. In saying so, much, we have no love for the rank profiteer, who deserves to lose patronage and in the long run probably does. But the less Government interference with the flow of trade, the better. Only as a last resort should it be sought.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Christianity or Christian Science?

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—As Mr. Brearley has seen fit to quote Sir James Jeans in that widely boomed book "The Mysterious Universe," I shall also quote Sir James and from the same book which will demonstrate to your readers that when a scientist gives a 'sop' to religion he always has "something up his sleeve" as the following illuminating quotations will show:

Page 4.—"Into such a universe we have stumbled if not exactly by mistake, at least as the result of what may be properly described as an accident."

Page 6.—"It seems incredible that the universe can have been designed primarily to produce life like our own: had it been so we might have expected a better proportion between the magnitude of the mechanism and the amount of the product."

Professor Eddington, another distinguished scientist, in a lecture which was actually broadcasted and is reproduced verbatim in the Lis-

## DAY BY DAY

UNTIL THE PEOPLE REALISE THAT PUBLIC LIBRARY WORK IS NOT A SORT OF LITERARY SOUP KITCHEN, THEY WILL NEVER PROPERLY APPRECIATE ITS VALUE.—Arthur H. Furnish.

Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are reminded of the Bank's annual meeting at the City Hall at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow.

While working at the Hongkong Rope Factory yesterday, Chang Kam-hoi had his right hand severely injured. He is now in the Government Civil Hospital.

The Exchange Banks will be open at 9.30 a.m. and close at 12 noon, for the transaction of public business, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2, 3 and 4. (Race Meeting).

Among the passengers arriving yesterday on the Empress of Russia from Manila were Mr. and Mrs. H. Hallgren. Mr. Hallgren is the local manager of the Swedish Trading Company.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Japan on the 5th February arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on the 24th February, having been 10 days in transit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. S. Alexander arrived by the Tandu Mr. Alexander has been transferred to the office here of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co. Their many friends in Kobe much regret their departure.

Alleged to have had a quarrel with another Chinese at the Po Hing Theatre, Wong Pak-yan, aged 28, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital last night. He had several gashes over the right eye, said to have been caused by a pen-knife. His condition is not serious.

According to the weekly bulletin of the Public Health Service, Alexandria, there were, from the 4th to 17th of January, 75 cases of cholera, accompanied by 54 deaths reported from the Philippines. Fifteen towns in three provinces are reported as infected. Manila, Occidental Negros, reporting the largest number of cases and deaths.

tenor, which is the official organ of the British Broadcasting Association, in speaking on Science and Religion stated that man was the precocious and inadvertent product of an unfortunate accident! There you have it! Man is a mere inadvertence, says the man of science. "Thou has made him a little lower than the angels," says the Book of Books. In other words, "Christian Science" is a contradiction in terms.—Yours, etc., FUNDIST.

### Theatre Prices.

Sir,—With reference to the Amateur Dramatic Club's forthcoming production of "Art and Mrs. Bottle," I notice from the posters that prices for seats are to be \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50, as against \$3, \$2, and \$1 charged hitherto. The new prices include Amusement Tax and the advertised increase in respect of the Stalls and Dress Circle, is understandable, but, unless there is some very good reason for it, it doesn't seem to me quite fair on the pit patrons to jump the price 50% while the presumably more affluent play-goer is only affected to the extent of about 16%.

Some friends of mine who enjoyed the play at home, have strongly advised me to see it, but I am a man of small means and don't feel like paying \$1.50 when I think \$1.10 more consistent.

PITTEE.

TOM BERTRAM on

## HABITS OF THE HAGGIS.

IN dealing with a subject so vast as Scottish animal life, it might be well to focus our attention on the more rare animals around which here exist to-day, unfortunately, lamentable ignorance and misunderstanding.

For example the haggis. There is probably no animal at the present time which has aroused so much curiosity, suspicion, and unfathomable mystery amongst the English and other foreign peoples.

It seems scarcely credible that as recently as last month a lady living in Surrey, who received a haggis from a gentleman in Aberdeen in part payment of a second-hand high tension battery, was so ill-informed and lacking in imagination that she put it in her cookery.

Bunkum's classic dictionary puts the description of the haggis thus: "Haggis (plural haggis), a plantigrade carnivorous mammal living in a burrow, nocturnal in habits, and feeds principally upon tadpoles, parsnips, and winkles."

The origin of the haggis is still a matter of conjecture. Professor Dugal MacSparran's book "Scottish Lums and Lore," published in 1916, says that "the haggis was originally a native of Perthshire, and migrated to the heathery slopes of Clydebank about the time when the Clan M'Leod were massacring the Clan M'Favis for sniggering at the story of Bruce and the spider."

In its wild state the haggis is very ferocious, possessing a poisonous sting, although of an affectionate disposition and a good mother. The haggis is easily tamed and made perfectly docile. The Gaelic-speaking crofters used to keep them as domestic pets until they reached a stage of maturity when they were gutted with the clean dhù, and made into haggis-pies. The most outstanding peculiarity of the haggis is that its coat or hide, is lined up the back, and it

gives vent to a singular purring sound when fondled on the lap.

By a remarkable irony of fate the haggis readily succumbs to the strains of the bagpipes, which makes its capture comparatively easy. Dugal MacSparran describes the hunting of the haggis thus: "Two men were generally employed to hunt the haggis; one marched through the glens playing a pibroch, which caused the haggis to emerge from its lair in a state of stupor. This enabled the second man to approach stealthily and belabour the innocent creature with a claymore."

Since the death of Robert Burns, the ploughman poet, the haggis has gradually been becoming extinct due to the prevalence of large numbers of these dainty little animals being devoured by the natives of Scotland as a token of respect to the late Scottish bard. On these ceremonial occasions the haggis is cooked, generally boiled, and is carried round the banquet hall by a clansman who is preceded by a piper playing a lament.

During his inspiring parade the porridge-lined warriors tuck their beards under their plaids and weep copiously. So overcome with emotion do some of them become, that half-way through the feast much handshaking is indulged in and eternal friendship sworn, especially after the toast, "Achteil, achteil, ben louden achteil," which is the Gaelic for "A man's man for a that."

It is not an infrequent occurrence for some of the more sentimental of these post-begrimed natives to slip suddenly under the tables, and stoutly refuse to vacate their retreat until the following morning.

It was Robert Burns who immortalised this quaint and playful little creature in his poem "To a Haggis," in which with characteristic humour he refers to it as the "Great Chieftain of the Puddin' Race."

## HAVE WE ROOM FOR SUPERMEN?

WHAT we call 'supermen' is a certainty of science sooner or later!

Those fateful words were uttered by the famous Dr. Voronoff when discussing the inexorable march of science. They come pat upon the result of recent researches now continuing in a London laboratory and a chemical factory. These particularly concern the function of the suprarenal gland, which contains medicinal properties of which at present we know little.

Scientists have, however, discovered that the secretion of adrenalin into the blood from the adrenal glands produces heroism! The contractions of the heart are prolonged and increase, as is the case with the arteries, and it has been found that a diminution in this secretion produces what we call "fear." Success in this particular line of research will mean the abolition of fear, the prolongation of life and the strengthening of the race.

Thus is the Psalmist confounded. Already his modest estimate

of "three score and ten" has been overtopped, and your expectation of life—as any insurance company will testify—has even considerably increased. Yet, what are these extra years going to do for you? Will they increase your enjoyment of life? Will you, as a "superman," earn more over a longer period, and what effect will that have on your children or grandchildren?

### The Return of Youth.

You will be fitter, stronger, and "without fear." Very well. But what of the transitional period when the weaker half of Britain's workers can have their glands stimulated (at a price) while the unlicker root look on, and grin?

This idea of gland stimulation is not new, yet it occurs oftener than might be expected. Only a few months ago a rich Calcutta merchant paid a cool \$14,000 to renew his own youth and that of his wife. Eight doctors were concerned in the resulting operations, which were highly successful. Indeed the "happy pair" were reported to be in robust health, while the merchant again took over complete control of his vast interests in jute and cotton.

Einstein has said that his own career was settled, not by his own inclinations, but by his glands. "Our endocrines," he said, "control our destiny." And in Britain, Germany, America, scientists are working day and night to prove that they do, to stimulate them so that we can become "supermen."

The watchword of the scientists, like that of a platoon commander, is, "When in doubt—advance." They obey, but perhaps at the expense of humanity.

### Workers Would Revolt.

On the one hand research workers find that adrenalin can stop internal bleeding and restore persons suffering from collapse. Thus they serve humanity. On the other they advance, playing upon the glands of the human body as they would upon a piano, and perhaps produce the monster named "Superman." They cannot tell the precise intellectual and social effect of their work. They play with forces too vast for human conception.

He is to live a hundred—a hundred and twenty years, seventy of which are to be devoted to production. In the abstract, a very pleasant theory, but in fact a very dangerous one.

Just as in the past there were riots and fierce agitation against

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"We've always lived near the water. Their father was a seafaring man."



BISHOP'S MURDER  
RECALLED.ESTATE OF LATE MGR.  
VERSIGLIA.

## OTHER PROBATES.

The death of Bishop Louis Versiglia, of the Salesian Mission, at the hands of bandits on February 25, 1930, at or near Shui Pin, Kwangtung, is recalled by the issuing of letters of administration to his estate at the Supreme Court. He left trust property valued at \$42,700, belonging to the Salesian Mission, and letters of administration have been granted to Carlo Braga, Salesian Father, of the St. Louis Industrial School, No. 179, Third Street, West Point.

The late Bishop Versiglia was late of the Catholic Mission at Chiuchow, Kwangtung, Titular Bishop of Caristo, Italy, and Vicar Apostolic of Shuichow, Kwangtung. He was a native of Italy and is survived by his mother, Maria Versiglia, and two sisters, Cesarina Faravelli and Carolina Sarolli.

Leung Shu-chuen, who died at Nam Tung village, Kwangtung, on February 3, 1930, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$21,500. Probate has been granted to Leung Chok-po and Leung Yat-lim.

Local estate to the value of \$31,000 was left by Tam In-fung, alias Tam Suk-ki, who died at No. 6, Illumination Terrace, Hongkong, on September 13, 1930. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Wong Si-wan.

## ROPE COMPANY.

DIVIDEND OF 75 CENTS  
RECOMMENDED.

Subject to audit, the General Managers of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., report that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1930, is \$189,034.49, which, with \$159,122.98 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$348,157.47 available for appropriation.

The Directors will, at the forthcoming of shareholders, recommend the following distribution:

To pay a dividend of 75 cents per share, absorbing	\$150,000.00
To place to credit of Typhoon and Flood Account	5,000.00
To write off factory buildings at Ma-tau-kok	100,000.00
To write off Plant and Machinery	47,167.47
To carry forward to credit of next year's account	70,000.00
	\$342,157.47

HAVE WE ROOM FOR  
SUPERMEN?

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the introduction of machinery and the spinning jenny, so almost certainly would the worker revolt against the introduction of the superman.

Guided by the light of modern science, we should have to revise completely our conceptions of life and our standards of living. Youth, already impatient and clamant for its "chance," would see opportunity receding into an even dimmer distance. Einstein and Voronoff may be right, but let us pray that their vision will be an actuality of the distant future.

In Britain to-day we have no room for "supermen," no room for cataclysmic upheavals. Sufficient unto the day is the work thereof, and long may that work continue.

RICHARD GLENN.

The P. and O. liner Rawalpindi yesterday brought back several police officers from leave. They were Sub-Inspector Langley and Mr. Langley, Det. Sgt. and Mrs. Fowler, Sgt. and Mrs. Wagland and Sgt. Kirby. Tomorrow the following officers will sail for Home on the Malwa: Sub-Inspector and Mrs. Cargill, Sgt. and Mrs. Armit, Sgt. and Mrs. Russell, Sgt. and Mrs. Hallum and Lt. Sgt. May.

Mrs. Baxter, of No. 21, Humphrey's Buildings, has reported to the Water Police Station the loss of \$4,108 in English money and jewellery to the value of \$120. Her premises having been burgled on February 18, while she was away. It appears that the thief obtained entrance by approaching an open window from the roof.

While Chief Engineer Robertson, of the S.S. Talawa, which went alongside No. 2 wharf at Kowloon Godowns yesterday, was in town yesterday afternoon, someone gained access to his cabin through a porthole and stole clothing worth \$30. The matter was reported to the Police. It is believed that a coolie is responsible for the loss.

UNIFIED CONTROL OF  
KOWLOON TRAFFIC.

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ed a number City Transport Systems in Canada and England in addition to visiting New York, Berlin and Cologne and I am happy to say that the Hongkong Tramway system compares very favourably with the majority of tramways I saw elsewhere. This particularly applies to the condition of the track and the appearance of the rolling stock."

As regards the operation of your company's motor-buses, however, the report I have to make is not a favourable one.

## Motor Bus Losses.

After providing for depreciation your motor-buses last year were run at a loss of \$21,665.00. As is well-known, these are run in direct competition with our tramcars. There is a parallel case in the much larger city of Liverpool where the Corporation is reported to have lost \$80,000 on the operation of its motor-buses last year. The following extract from the *Tramway and Railway World* of November 1st is an interesting commentary on the position:

"Sir Thomas White declared that the tramways manager had not advocated the purchase of omnibuses, which certain speakers had condemned; he had been overruled. It could not be too strongly insisted that omnibuses could never be made to pay while tramways were run at the present low fares, and no one had the temerity to propose an increase in tramway fares."

"In the course of a long discussion, Mr. F. C. Wilson, chairman of the Tramways Committee, quoted figures showing that omnibus fares in Liverpool were lower than in Merseyside and other boroughs and yet those boroughs could not make their omnibuses pay. Omnibuses, when run against tramways, would always be run at a loss. Mr. Wilson cited a list of charges that had to be set against the revenue from omnibuses and concluded with an allusion to those bus engineers who are trying to 'kill us' that they can run buses at a profit."

## Bus Profit Impossible.

Apart from the above I have no particular knowledge of Liverpool but I do know that with the present cost of tyres, petrol, etc., we cannot, in Hongkong, run buses at a profit along our tramway routes.

In the speech from this chair last year, Mr. Beith said:—"When I tell you it is estimated that had the 27,000,000 passengers which our tramcars carried last year been carried—at the same fares—by motor-buses instead of tramcars not only should we not have had over seven lakhs profit but we should not have made sufficient profit to pay any dividend at all."

## Answer to Royal Commission.

I should like to amplify that statement and say that to contemplate the substitution of tramcars by motor-buses in Hongkong would be to betray not only the shareholders of the Company but also those passengers who—between them—had more than 21,000,000 rides last year at only five cents per trip and who are probably unable to pay a higher fare.

That is my answer to the Royal Commission on Transport when they say that—"Tramways if not an obsolete form of transport are at all events in a state of obsolescence." It is true that they also say:

"We are well aware that tramcars still possess certain advantages over alternative forms of road passenger transport. The tractive effort of the tramcar is lower than in the case of vehicles propelled by internal combustion engines; they are comparatively easy to drive, and hence to control; and their high standard of acceleration and deceleration makes possible a good average speed. Electrically-propelled tramcars employ energy which is obtained from home-produced fuel (an advantage which they share with the railless trolley vehicle), whereas motor omnibuses consume fuel most of which has been imported."

## Commission Slips Up.

The Commission does not, however, deal with the economics of road transport and the necessity of the lowest possible fares in large industrial towns. If the Commission had said that tramways must give way to other forms of transport in towns of poor or

even medium traffic density one could have understood it, but when I tell you that within the last six or eight months orders have been placed for 300 tramcars for the London area alone at a total cost of \$840,000 and that 100 of these tramcars are for the group of tramway companies controlled by Lord Ashfield, who is chairman of the London General Omnibus Company, you will realise that the Royal Commission on Transport has slipped up.

One other reference. Mr. J. G. B. Stone, chairman of the Calcutta Tramways Company in delivering his speech at the last annual General Meeting in London said:—"The suggestion that tramway systems are obsolete and should be replaced by omnibuses has been assiduously fostered, but it seems evident that if such substitution is made the poorer classes will have to pay more for their travel, and ratepayers generally will have to bear increased charges for the maintenance of their roads. In Calcutta only a small portion of the people can afford to ride at all, and for them the cheapest form of transport is essential."

## Kowloon Losses.

At this meeting I have also to refer to the affairs of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co. (1926) Ltd. As in the case of your motor-buses on this side of the harbour I have to report losses. We have now completed two years operation of this subsidiary in Kowloon and I regret to say that for various reasons which could hardly have been foreseen at the time it was made, this investment has not turned out as successfully as we hoped.

For the year under review, after providing for depreciation, the Kai Tak Company has made a loss on working of \$47,694.00.

## New Tax Effects.

During the year two new taxes were imposed upon us, firstly, the seating tax of \$10 per seat per annum which accounts for \$5,660 annually and, secondly, the petrol tax of 15 cents per gallon which—on the 1930 consumption at Kai Tak—represents \$15,600 per annum.

Serious though these items are to a small business the consequences of the drop in the value of the local dollar are much more serious. To take one item; tyres for the whole of 1929 cost less than tyres during the four months August-November 1930.

Petrol (apart from the tax) was not affected in 1930 because of our annual contract. At the present moment, however, the price we are paying for petrol (including tax) is 130% greater than the price we were paying this time last year.

Although the reign of petrol would now appear to be challenged by the advent of the Diesel or compression ignition engine using crude oil, the fact remains that even with buses fitted with Diesel engines a considerable annual deficit could not be avoided on the Kai Tak system while the dollar remains anywhere near its present level and while the prevailing competition continues.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, P.C., M.P. (Minister of Transport) in a recent speech said:

"In the 19th century they were told that free competition in road transport was the great thing, and that it would provide cheapness and efficiency. There was practically no fleet could not be avoided on the Kai Tak system while the dollar remains anywhere near its present level and while the prevailing competition continues."

"Competition in road transport meant that time-tables were unrelaxed and that there was lack of contact between different forms of transport, which meant empty seats. People appreciated empty seats, but these were the economics not of wisdom but of hell. The empty seat had to be paid for either by capital, in the shape of bad security, bad management, and bankruptcy, or by the passengers, in needlessly high fares for those who did travel, uncomfortable and unsafe vehicles, inefficient services; and a poor quality of transport work."

## Kowloon Solution.

One almost feels that Mr. Morrison much have used Kowloon in his mind when he used those words.

Your Board is convinced that the only solution of the Kowloon road transport problem lies—

- (a) In the substitution of a unified control and single management for the existing reckless competition and duplication of services; and
- (b) In a franchise of not less than 20 years with the option—at the absolute discretion of the operating Company—of employing either trolley vehicles or Diesel-engined buses or both in lieu of or in addition to ordinary petrol vehicles.

It will be recalled that at the date of the annual meeting last year reference was made to the commencement of certain negotiations with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. in regard to motor-bus and garage services. The abortive results of those negotiations were conveyed to you fully at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 7th May last and in the private report of that meeting subsequently circulated to all shareholders of the company.

## Year's Working.

Turning to the statement of the year's Accounts now before you, I have already remarked upon the

gratifying increase of \$105,988.00 in traffic revenue. Working expenses have also risen but to an extent that is only a fraction more than 10% over last year and in view of general conditions arising from the seriously adverse exchange obtaining throughout the year, such rising costs have been inevitable and the measure of the increase as shown may be viewed as by no means disproportionate to the circumstances.

The depreciation charge has also accounted for a sum of \$19,575.00 more than the previous year.

After providing for Royalty and including the return from interest and investment sources etc.—and this particular account is an inclusive item after setting-off the net result of the tramways motor-bus working—the net profit for the year amounts to \$741,295.68 which is \$9,532.10 greater than for the year 1929.

\$68,000 has been written-off from goodwill construction expenses as before and the further item of \$160,000 also written-off represents, in the opinion of your Board, a reasonable provision that must be made against a revaluation of the Kai Tak Motor-Bus investment in the light of what I have already said in that regard and the losses being incurred by that company and the fact that these losses are financed by the Tramway Company.

## Division of Profits.

The sum of \$260,000 has been applied in the interim dividend already paid and your Directors now recommend the declaration of a final dividend of 40 cents per share making a total of 80 cents per share for the year.

This will absorb a further \$260,000 and leaves—after including \$259,562.75 brought in from the last Account—\$262,848.43 to be carried forward.

I think there is only one other item in these accounts calling for separate explanation. An addition of \$83,536.10 appears to the asset "Other Property" in the balance sheet. This is in respect of a purchase of land in Kowloon carried through during the year and there is every prospect that such an investment will prove to be a profitable one.

I now have to propose:—"That the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts as presented for the year ended 31st December, 1930, be adopted and that a Final Dividend of 40 cents per share for the year 1931 is hereby sanctioned."

When the adoption of the resolution has been seconded I shall be pleased to reply to any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

## Seconders' Views.

Mr. T. E. Pearce, in seconding the adoption of the report said: "I feel sure shareholders present to-day have listened to, and many others will read later, your remarks, Mr. Chairman, with much interest and satisfaction."

I do not wish to revive the controversy as to the merits of buses as opposed to trams, but it seems clear from the figures you have produced to-day, the policy of the Board in improving the tracks and the trams themselves has been fully justified.

It must be highly gratifying to the executive of the Company to find that the system was able to cope with such a large number of passengers as 29,000,000 last year, or 2,000,000 more than the one before. With the rapid development in Wanchai and district, the prospects would appear to be bright for a further increase during this 12 months.

Even to the uninitiated it must be obvious that to assist in the development and to maintain the prosperity of any district, it is essential to have cheap and rapid means of transport. I think shareholders will agree with me our undertaking adequately meets this need, and it is satisfactory to observe the public supports it in increasing numbers.

## No Better Results.

It is disappointing to learn that our buses in Hongkong have been run at a loss, but no doubt the Board have decided that it is good policy to run them as an adjunct to our tram business.

It is also most disappointing to learn the Company has made a loss on the Kai Tak Motor Bus venture, and with the increased heavy charges you have spoken of, it does not seem possible that any better result can be looked for at the end of this year.

In view of the increased taxation, higher costs of petrol and rubber, tyres, due to the low exchange, one wonders, despite the fact that buses may traverse more populous areas, whether our competitors in Kowloon will be able to show a profit, and at the same time provide for depreciation and replacements. It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, an opportune time for all concerned property owners as well as Bus Companies, that a careful survey of the traffic problem in Kowloon be undertaken, and a scheme evolved whereby there will be less overlapping and unnecessary competition, and furthermore a scheme devised for a cheaper and better system of transport to

ANOTHER MOSCOW  
"CONSPIRACY."TRIAL OF FOURTEEN MEN  
STARTING SUNDAY.

## CAPITALISTIC AIMS.

Moscow, Feb. 26. Fourteen members of the Socialist organisation, "The All-Union Bureau of Central Committees of Mensheviks," will stand trial at the Supreme Court on Sunday, March 1, charged with counter-revolutionary activities.

A preliminary enquiry into the activities of the organisation has been proceeding for some time past.

It is now alleged that the "All-Union Bureau" aimed at the restoration in Russia of a capitalist regime by means of "wrecking" activities and foreign intervention.

The allegations seem curiously similar to those brought against Professor Kramin and seven others some little time ago when the proceedings took the form of a gigantic publicity stunt rather than anything else.

The indictment states that the All-Union Bureau organised in the Central Economic Institutions a number of counter-revolutionary cells, financed by Mensheviks abroad, and an "Industrial Party" from funds subsidised by the German Social Democratic Party, the Second International and the Paris Commercial and Industrial Committee.

It is reported that all the defendants have pleaded guilty.—*Reuter*.

SUGGESTED RUPTURE  
IN N.S. WALES.SECESSION OF THE RIVERINA  
DISTRICT PROPOSED.

Sydney, Feb. 26. As a sequel to Premier Lang's loan repudiation policy, Mr. Page, supported by the Country Party in the districts concerned, is campaigning for the secession of the Riverina district in north-east New South Wales and the establishment of an independent province, to be called "New England," bounded on the north by the Queensland border, on the west by the Darling River, and on the south by the Hunter River.

It is suggested that a provisional government of the new province should be established, ready to act immediately if New South Wales defaults. It is also suggested that any special currency which New South Wales may issue should be resisted.—*Reuter*.

The Premier's Conference in a statement denouncing Mr. Lang's policy says his assertion that Australia is paying Great Britain £36,000,000 annually of war debts is absolutely inaccurate. Over two thirds of this sum is necessary to meet the debts of the States, none of which has a war debt. The Commonwealth's war debts payments to Great Britain are £5,600,000 annually, in accordance with the Anglo-Australian agreement. Australia owes Great Britain and the United States £573,000,000, of which the war debt to Great Britain is now £31,000,000.

Mr. Scullin when in England started negotiations with a view to modification of the 1921 funding agreement.—*Reuter*.

meet the needs of the increasing population of the Peninsula. With these few remarks, I beg to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

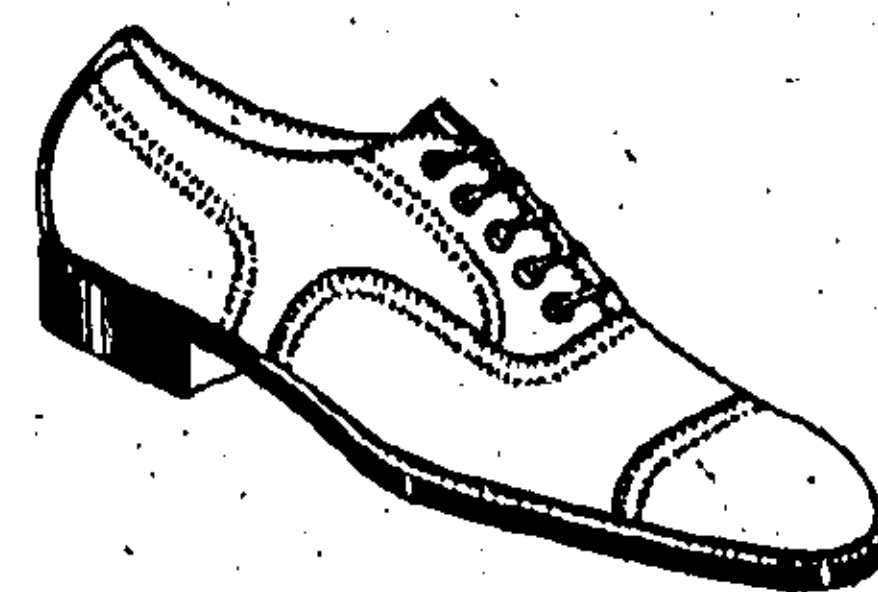
Capt. C. B. Riggs said he would like to know why the No. 5 Kowloon route had not started ten cents fares instead of 5 cents. There were no copies travelling by that route, so that it was not a question of satisfying the poorer class, yet everybody travelled for 5 cents.

The Chairman in reply stated that the Kai Tak Company realised that on the residential route No. 5, adults only paid 5 cent fares, but the police, to whose ruling they were subject, had not sanctioned the raising of the fares to 10 cents.

The report and accounts were adopted without further discussion.

Other Business. The Hon. Mr. Gordon C. Mackie and Mr. Chua Po-sen were re-elected to the Directorate on the proposition of Capt. C. B. Riggs, seconded by Mr. W. Allen; and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Mr. H. Owen Hughes, seconded by Mr. Chua Seng-fool.

Mr. A. B. Stewart presided, and Directors present were the Hon. Mr. G. C. Mackie, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. R. Stock, and Mr. Chua Po-sen. Others present included Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy (General Manager), Mr. W. F. Simmons (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, Leung Wah-hing, Chua Seng-tool, W. Allen, E. Ezra, F. Austin, J. F. Wright, jun., G. H. Wilson and Capt. C. B. Riggs.

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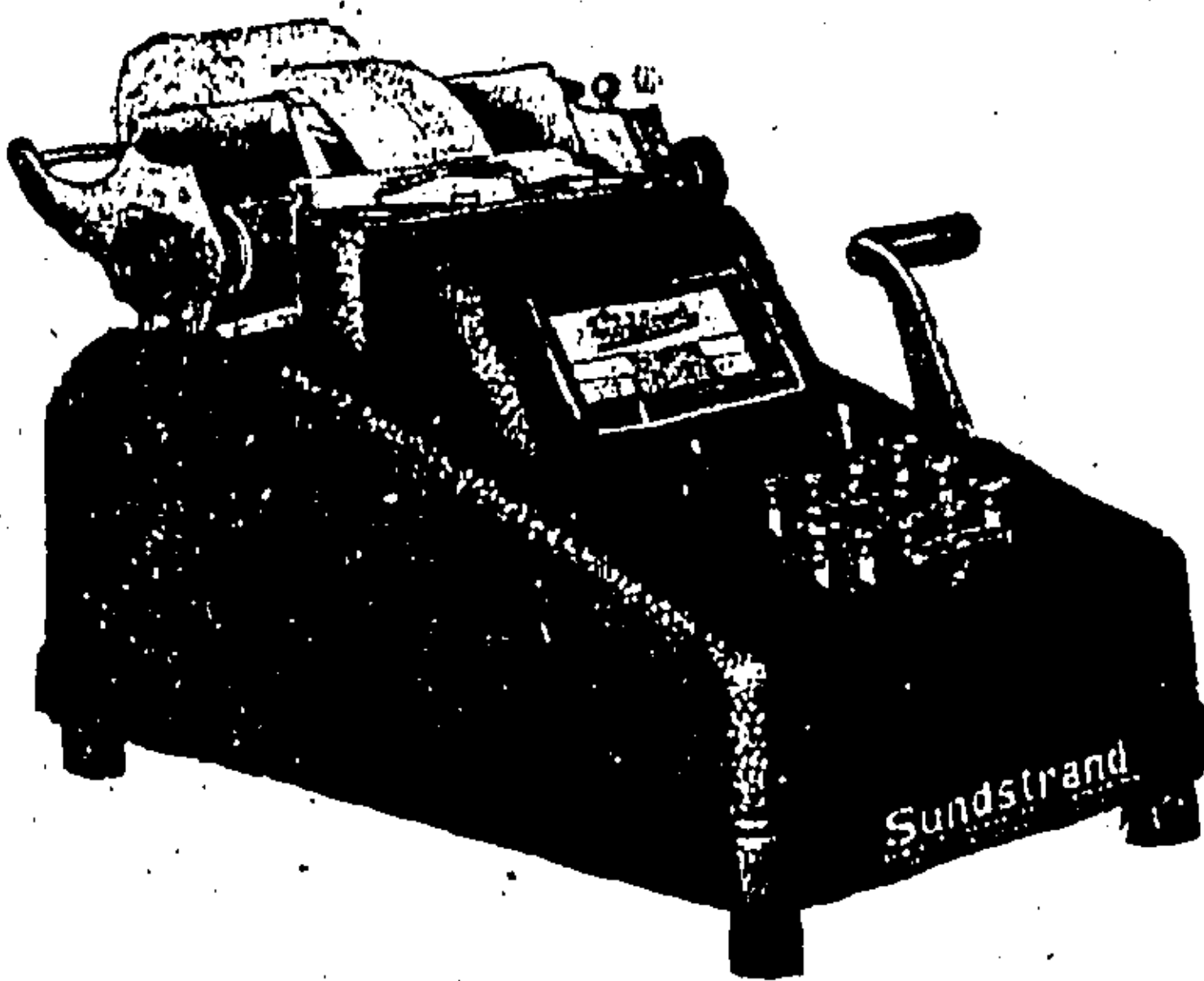
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### FANLING GOLF.

#### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9. a.m. F. H. Crapnell and H. Spicer.  
9.04 a.m. W. S. Hillier and Capt. Summerfield.  
9.08 a.m. H. Hampton and J. Whyte.  
9.16 a.m. Not to be booked by those travelling on 8.24 a.m. Train.  
9.20 a.m. W. C. Clark and W. A. Weight.  
9.24 a.m. J. G. Campbell and D. S. Edward.  
9.28 a.m. A. H. Penn and J. R. Hinton.  
9.32 a.m. G. F. Hole and C. P. Ross.  
9.36 a.m. L. G. S. Dodwell and A. B. Raworth.  
9.40 a.m. D. L. King and J. W. Albaster.  
9.44 a.m. C. H. Burton and T. C. Monaghan.  
9.48 a.m. A. N. Macfadyen and Q. A. F. Madyen.  
9.52 a.m. J. P. Sherry and P. Sykes.  
9.56 a.m. E. des Voeux and E. D. Matthews.  
10.00 a.m. J. S. Dykes and A. O. Brown.  
10.04 a.m. G. W. Sewell and H. B. Remington.  
10.08 a.m. K. K. Rounds and R. Sanger.  
10.12 a.m. R. S. W. Paterson and G. W. Pope.  
10.16 a.m. E. J. Dowley and J. J. French.  
10.20 a.m. C. E. Holmes and R. Young.  
10.24 a.m. W. C. Shields and D. J. Gilmore.  
10.28 a.m. H. Lowe and H. P. Bailey.  
10.32 a.m. C. Mycock and Dr. Dovey.  
10.36 a.m. H. C. Shrubsole and D. J. Keogh.  
10.40 a.m. C. H. M. Andrew and A. J. R. Wolf.  
10.44 a.m. R. W. Taplin and P. S. Grant.  
10.48 a.m. C. C. Roberts and J. B. Lanyon.  
10.52 a.m. I. Yates and J. Coulthart.  
10.56 a.m. J. R. Masson and H. U. Ireland.  
11.00 a.m. A. Leach and A. Ritchie.  
11.04 a.m. W. J. Clerk and D. Forbes.  
11.08 a.m. A. C. I. Bowker and W. F. Simmons.  
11.12 a.m. J. Thayer and R. A. Stuart.  
11.16 a.m. E. H. Williams and S. C. Feltham.  
11.20 a.m. G. B. Lane and C. M. Roberts.  
11.24 a.m. A. B. Purves and F. A. Redmond.  
11.28 a.m. F. M. Hartley and N. C. Barber.  
11.32 a.m. O. Eager and A. D. Humphreys.  
11.36 a.m. T. May and N. S. Ellis.  
11.40 a.m. A. H. Ferguson and L. R. Andrews.  
11.44 a.m. I. G. Allison and W. N. Buyers.  
11.48 a.m. H. T. Buxton and E. P. Fletcher.  
11.52 a.m. J. Hankinson and A. C. Meredith.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### Hockey League.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to the letter appearing in your paper this morning regarding the formation of a local Hockey League, we shall be very glad on behalf of the makers of Wright's Coal Tar Soap to offer a challenge shield for competition between the various Clubs of the Colony, if the suggested League is formed.

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"Enthusiast," the writer of the letter mentioned above, points out that the reference in his letter to the teams eligible to compete in the Elm Shield competition should have specified the Hongkong Hockey Club, Navy and Army.

#### "The Strongest Boy."

Sir, Master Charles Herbert Chambling wants the public to know that he claims to be the "Strongest Boy of his age and weight" in Hongkong. His challenge is to any boy of his age and weight and not older and heavier.

Mr. A. D. Spoor on behalf of his pupil, and Master Wyoming, accepted the challenge, but as both these boys are two years older, they cannot compete for the title. "Channatong" still claims the title of "Hongkong's Strongest Boy of his age and weight," and will only boys of his age and weight, falling which the Gold Medal will be awarded to him. This challenge is open until March 22, 1931. If after that date no one comes forward to meet him on the four life already mentioned, I suggest holding another contest later for the title of "Hongkong's Strongest Youth" in which Channatong, Wyoming and Mr. Spoor's pupil and any others under twenty-one can compete for the title. This can take place and be the main event during the Physical Culture Display, in which members of the Maurice Physical Training Institute and Mr. Spoor's pupil will take part.

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### HOCKEY.

#### CLUB TEAM TO MEET SHAMEN PLAYERS.

The following have been selected to represent the Club v. Shamene on Sunday, 8th March, at 10.30 for 11 a.m. U.S.H.C. Ground.  
G. Dunne, J. Rodger, A. R. Botelho, M. W. Turner, A. Dand, J. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, R. W. Skipp, G. Francis, G. P. Lammert.

Ladies' Match.  
The following will comprise the K.B.S.F.A. team in the Caer Clark Cup match, to be played off against the D.G.S. team on the F.P.A. ground at King's Park, on Saturday, at 4.15 p.m.:—P. Hunt, M. Martin, D. Pinget, D. Smith, S. Datzel, E. Booth, M. Groundwater, D. Hirst, A. Fowler and D. Avenall. Reserve—D. Hunt.

### LEAGUE FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

#### THREE "NEEDLE" GAMES ON THE CARD.

#### KOWLOON'S TASK.

[By "Wanderer."]

Three "needle" matches on one Saturday is not a frequent occurrence locally, and non-partisan followers of football will have difficulty in making up their minds to-morrow about the match to attend.

There will be no dearth of interest in any of the Senior games scheduled as a matter of fact, the programme being as follows:

#### Senior League.

Recreio v. Police.—Recreio, 4.15 p.m.  
Kowloon v. South China.—Kowloon, 4.15.  
Chinese Ath. v. S. W. Borderers.—Stadium, 4.15.  
Argyll v. Royal Navy.—Sookunpoo, 4.15.  
H.K. Club v. St. Joseph's.—Club, 4.15.

#### Second Division.

S.W. Borderers v. Navy.—Sookunpoo, 2.45.  
Chinese Ath. v. St. Joseph's.—Stadium, 2.45.  
South China v. R.A.—Caroline Hill, 2.45.  
Argyll v. H.K. Club.—Chatham Road, 2.45.  
Kowloon v. University.—Kowloon, 2.45.

Perhaps the most interesting game down for decision is that at Kowloon where the league leaders provide the opposition. Apart from South China, Kowloon have so far enjoyed the best success in league competition and it may be taken for granted that they will give the leaders a real fight for the points, whatever the result. Kowloon are relying upon the side which defeated Chinese Athletic by three goals to one a fortnight ago, and South China will field the side which overwhelmed the Navy. When they met on Caroline Hill in November, South China won by 3-1. It is interesting to note that the Navy are the only side which has also managed to defeat Kowloon in the league. Kowloon have definitely improved since those games, having obtained 11 points in their last six matches, and are facing to-morrow's game with some degree of confidence. South China will undoubtedly start strong favourites, however.

The Athletic meet the Borderers and a keen struggle here is certain. The Borderers are playing their first game for a month, but the rest should not have done them any harm. Against the Argylls they appeared to be going stale. The Athletic are expected to win.

Another big battle is down for decision on the Sookunpoo ground where the Navy visit the Argylls. The Navy are a very uncertain quantity owing to the erratic shooting of their forwards, but they will cause a big surprise, if they fail to win this match. The Police will give the Recreio a good run, while the Club should take two points from St. Joseph's.

A match which might easily decide the Second Division championship is being played at Sookunpoo. The Borderers, best placed at the moment are opposed to the prolific-scoring Navy Reserves eleven.

Probable teams include:  
Kowloon:—Penny, Martin, Dowman, Hedley, McKelvie, Ellis, Pile, Simpson, Gillett, Grimwood, Jamson.  
Club Reserves:—Fogwill, Stoker, Ivimey, Sloan, Panchoon, Hooper, Alexander, Bell, Strange, Jackson, and Tavlin.  
Kowloon Reserves:—Angus, Guest, Eastman, Everest, Gilchrist, Cameron, Williams, Whiting, Spary, Cotton, Bickford.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

#### PAUL KONG FORCED TO THREE SETS.

A reminder that his path in the tennis championship promised to be anything but an easy one, was given to Paul Kong yesterday, when he met J. W. Leonard in the second round.

The match went the full three sets. Once again Kong revealed a weakness in losing grip of the game at various stages, and it was touch and go whether he should earn the right to contest a third set, after losing the first.

The tennis itself did little to excite admiration, but the interest was sustained by the keenness of the exchanges, and the fact that the encounter went the distance. Leonard did well to capture the first set, and with Kong slipping up through over-confidence after taking a useful lead in the second stanza, there was a distinct possibility of the local player snatching a surprise victory. He just failed to stay the course, however, and Kong won the last set without much trouble.

The first round results were completed with the defeat of W. F. Edge by Ho Ka-lau, who only lost two games. Dr. Valentine and C. G. Holmes were winners in the Club Championship.

The full results were as follows:

#### Open Singles.

Paul Kong beat J. W. Leonard 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

Ho Ka-lau beat W. F. Edge 6-1, 6-1.

#### Open Doubles.

S. A. and H. D. Rimmann beat E. Zimmerman and F. R. Zimmerman 6-0, 6-1.

A. D. Humphreys and H. Owen Hughes beat D. W. Deane and W. N. Petch 6-8, 6-1, 6-4.

#### Club Championship.

Dr. D. J. Valentine beat D. S. Green 6-3, 6-4.

C. E. Holmes beat E. T. E. Nash 6-0, 6-1.

#### The matches down for this afternoon are:

#### Open Singles.

Yew Man-Kit v. Ng Kam-chuen.

#### Open Doubles.

Paul Kong and W. T. Lee v. T. Ema and T. Hayase.

S. E. and D. S. Green v. Horace Lo and Lu Tak-cheuk.

T. Honda and T. Akiyama v. Wong Fuk-nam and Shaw Kam-sang.

G. C. Burnett and E. Hamilton v. F. A. Redmond and L. T. Rude.

### VOLUNTEERS AT CRICKET.

#### PROGRAMME OF MATCHES FOR RACE WEEK.

The Hongkong Volunteers are playing a series of cricket matches during Race Week, including a two-day game against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday and Monday. They meet the Army on Tuesday and the Combined League on Wednesday.

In their first match against the Kowloon C.C. on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and Monday at 2 p.m., the following have been selected to play: E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), A. C. Beck, A. Reid, K. H. Batger, R. H. Davies, G. E. R. Divett, S. V. Gittins, R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson, H. F. Green and R. H. Griffiths.

The match against the Army will commence at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and is being played on the Hongkong C.C. ground. The Volunteers will be represented by: H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), Capt. W. H. G. Guter, A. Reid, K. H. Batger, A. C. Beck, N. A. E. Mackay, S. V. Gittins, G. C. Burnett, J. E. Richardson, F. Baker and R. H. Griffiths.

The Combined League match is also being played on the Hongkong C.C. ground, commencing at 1 p.m. on Wednesday with the Volunteer team being as follows: H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), Capt. W. H. G. Guter, A. Reid, K. H. Batger, A. C. Beck, N. A. E. Mackay, S. V. Gittins, G. C. Burnett, J. E. Richardson, F. Baker and R. H. Griffiths.

H.C.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. the R. E., at home, on Saturday:—R. S. W. Paterson (Capt.), R. H. Wild, C. E. Gahagan, P. W. L. Planner, L. B. Smith, E. J. Collins, E. C. Etherington, J. Chadwick, J. A. Hutchison, J. A. Ashworth and S. J. Stanesby.

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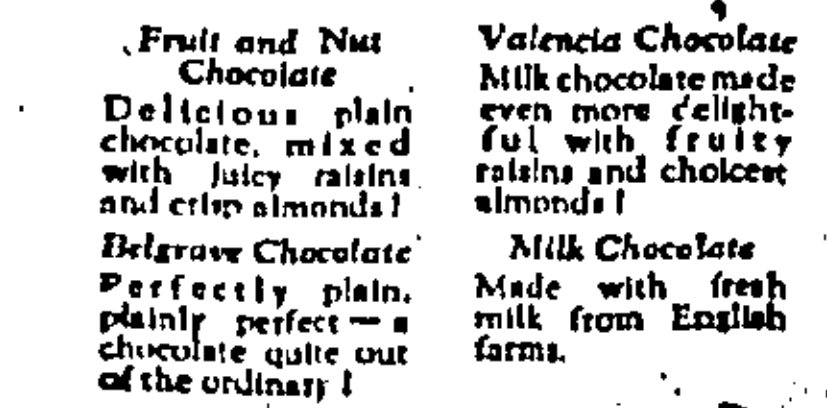
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His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) presided, and there were also present:

Col. R. B. Cousins (Officer Commanding the Troops).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).

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Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

Hon. Mr. S. W. T'so, O.B.E., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Mr. N. L. Smith (Clerk of Council).

New Members.

Col. R. B. Cousins and the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood took the oaths of office on resuming their seats as Officer Commanding the Troops and Secretary for Chinese Affairs respectively.

Colony's Finances.

The Colonial Secretary, in moving the resolution giving approval of the recently-revised liquor and tobacco duties, said:—Recent statements by you, Sir, in this Chamber have foreshadowed the necessity for additional taxation if exchange failed to improve, and the action taken a week ago in connexion with duties on alcohol and tobacco can hardly have come as a surprise. The action taken by Your Excellency by and with the advice of Executive Council now needs confirmation; but before I put the Resolution formally, some explanation is necessary.

The Estimates for 1931 as approved by the Legislative Council showed a deficit of \$2,299,000, the dollar throughout being calculated at 1/4d. The sterling commitments of the Government for 1931 amount to \$2,770,000, and the dollar at an average of 1/- throughout the year will mean that a further \$3,388,000 must be added to the deficit—making a total deficit of \$5,658,000. The method of paying Government salaries one half at 1/6d. and one half at the current rate is calculated to reduce this figure to \$4,200,000; and an effort is being made to economise still further by the exclusion or postponement of approved items of expenditure, to result it is hoped in a saving of a further \$1,000,000. The deficit would thus be reduced to \$3,200,000.

Latest Increases.

Had the dollar remained at 1/4d. the estimated deficit of \$2,299,000 would have been reduced to \$1,900,000 by the half and half method of paying salaries to which I have already referred, and which was introduced after the approval of the

Estimates. The added deficit at the average rate of \$1 equals 1/4d. over the deficit at \$1 equals 1/4d., is therefore \$1,300,000; and it is this sum that the Government considers it necessary to provide, with a view to restoring the position that was contemplated when the 1931 Estimates were framed and approved.

To meet this requirement, an increase in the opium prices has been already approved and published; and it is estimated that \$200,000 in a full year and \$165,000 in 1931 will be derived from this source. The resolution before you now represents an increase in the rate on beer and kindred liquors from 40 cents to 60 cents a gallon, and a reversion for the rates on tobacco to those obtaining before the last increase which was effected in 1930. Liquors excepting beer, but including Chinese liquor imported into the Colony keep their rates as set out in silver currency unchanged, but the ten cents per gallon rebate allowed on the export of locally distilled liquor is withdrawn.

In the cases of all alcohol and tobacco however the duties are to be payable on the basis of \$1 equals 1/8d.; and it is estimated that Beers and kindred liquors should provide an additional \$350,000 during 1931, and tobacco \$228,000, making due allowance for decreased consumption in both cases.

More Money Wanted.

These figures however will still not meet the bill, and an increase in Postal Rates is under consideration, estimated to yield \$166,000 in the course of 1931. The totals then become:

Postage	166,000
Opium	166,000
Beer & Alcohol	350,000
Tobacco	228,000
	\$1,610,000

From which has to be deducted Military Contribution of 20% ... 322,000

Total \$1,288,000

a sufficiently close approximation to the desired total to stand for the time.

A Warning.

It is right to warn the Council that if the Colony is to continue with its waterworks scheme, add other works almost as pressing, the money will have to be procured by means of a Loan; and supply will be needed for the interest and sinking fund. The Community has been, I believe, in a spirit of resignation expecting some increase in the Assessed Taxes, but it is proposed to keep this as a first reserve against the Service of the Loan when it is floated. The intention is not to raise the loan in one total sum, but to begin on an issue of Treasury Bills until it can be more clearly seen what the ultimate needs of the Colony will be.

I beg to move the resolution, which stands in my name on the agenda paper.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Profitteering.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—It is not my desire to address the Council in opposition to the resolution moved by the Colonial Secretary. The statement which I have heard from the Hon. Colonial Secretary makes it perfectly evident that some form of taxation has to be imposed in order to meet the deficit arising out of this very severe problem of exchange question. I have been approached to address your Excellency and this Council in the interests of small consumers of wine and tobacco, as they have felt it a hardship by dealers and retailers in showing up prices in anticipation of the operation of the new scale of taxes. With only very few exceptions among the largest stores, storekeepers, both in Hongkong and

Kowloon, have raised prices to make them inclusive of the new duties which do not come into operation until passed by this Council.

His Excellency the Governor:—If I might correct you at this point the increase in the duties has already taken effect.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—Yes, but somehow or other, even before, they had apparently anticipated the duties, and when consumers went into the stores the extra cost was put on to the old price. The only suggestion that has been submitted to me is that a distinctive form of label might be adopted by the Imports and Exports Office, making the new charges for the wine or tobacco as the case may be, as distinct from the wine and tobacco taken out of bond before the coming into operation of the new rates. I think this is a suggestion which might commend itself to the Government, and if it receives your Excellency's approval, I submit it very respectfully for the consideration of the Government.

H.E. the Governor:—I have seen the suggestion already made in the papers, but I think it is quite an impracticable one. So far as this operation is concerned the higher rates took effect upon the issue of the Orders which were published a week ago to-day. I do not think it would be at all practicable to carry out such a proposal in future, as to issue such labels would show the hand of the Government from the very start and cause a large withdrawal of stocks from bond and so defeat the object for which the Orders are made. I am afraid I do not consider it practicable for future occasions, just as it has been impossible to do it on this.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—I should like to make the point that wines bearing old labels should not be surcharged with the extra duty such as is happening to-day.

H.E. the Governor:—I think that what is going on is just the usual course. It always happens. The raising of duties must take effect and dealers must protect themselves at once. They will probably find themselves in a corresponding position on a future occasion when the duty is dropped or raised again. I am afraid I am quite unable to accept the suggestion.

The resolutions giving the Council's approval to the new duties were then unanimously agreed to.

Estates Duty.

The Attorney General moved that the Council go into Committee to consider the report of the Standing Law Committee and to consider the Estates Duty Bill clause by clause. Under Standing Order No. 27, section 14, he asked permission of the Council to substitute for the Bill which was read a second time a fortnight ago, the Bill recommended by the Standing Law Committee and which had been published in the Government Gazette and which was already in the hands of Honourable Members.

Council then went into Committee and the Bill was approved clause by clause, being later read a third time and passed.

Adjournment.

H.E. the Governor:—The Council stands adjourned *sine die*.

Finance Committee.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed at which supplementary votes totalling \$37,594 were considered and approved.

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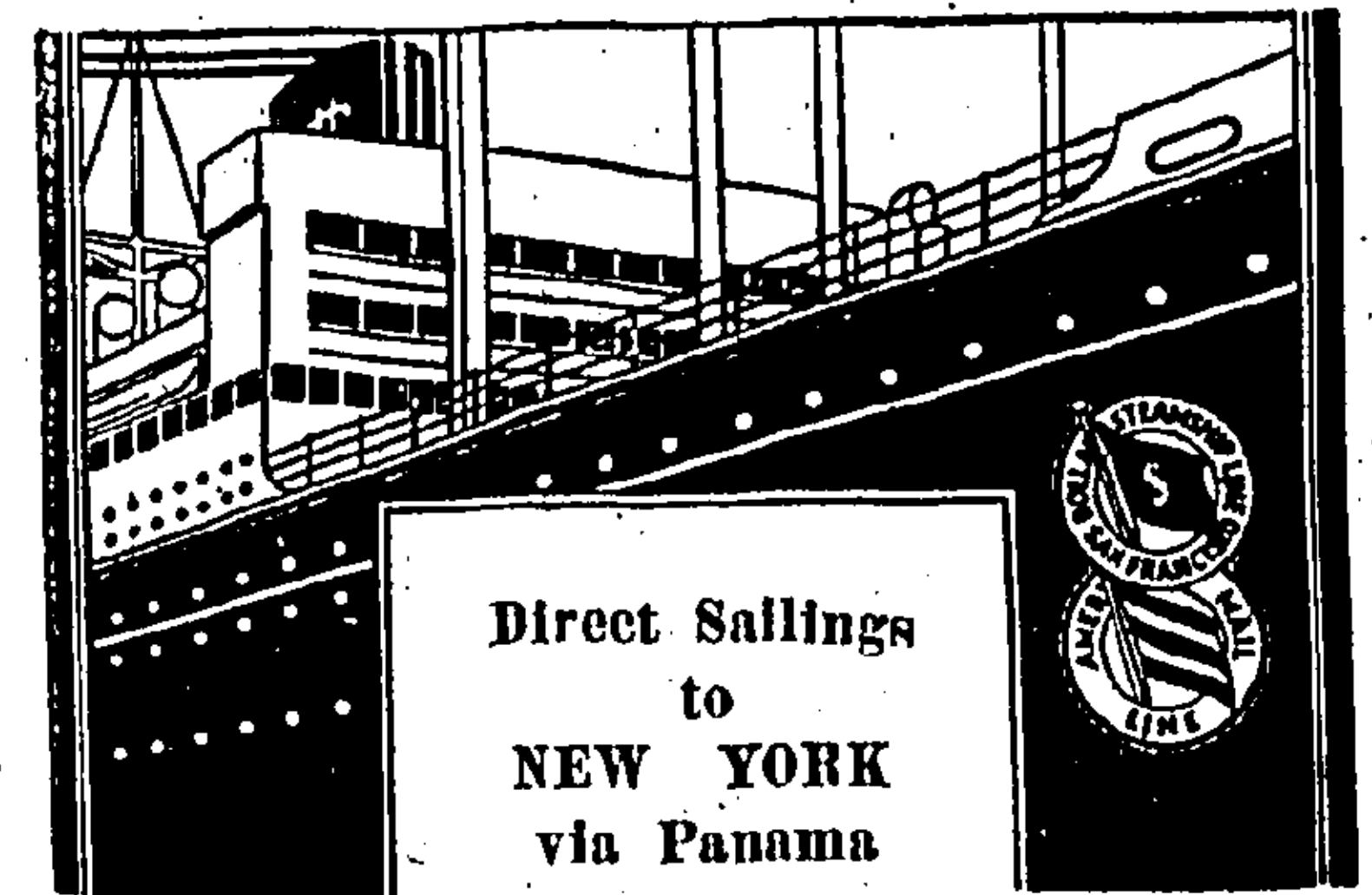
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London, Feb. 26.

The Court of Inquiry into the stranding of the liner Highland Hope last November, has found that the stranding and subsequent loss were due to failure by the master to navigate his ship in a proper seamanlike manner, and has suspended his license for six months.

It considered the second officer remiss in his duties, and decided that the owners cannot be absolved from all blame because a master at such an age cannot be expected to stand the physical strain of commanding such a large passenger vessel.

## Chief Officer Reprimanded.

The Court severely reprimanded the chief officer for concealing the fact that he had brought the deck scrap log ashore, and for subsequently destroying the log. The Court commended the fourth officer, Mr. Parry, for courage and resource in dealing with the situation which arose due to an accident to one of the lifeboats.

Reuter.

[The 14,000-ton British motor-liner Highland Hope went ashore on November 19, and the passengers took to the lifeboats, all being rescued subsequently. The Highland Hope struck a dangerous reef in a dense fog at four o'clock in the morning, off the coast of Portugal, and at first the captain refused to leave the bridge, hoping to save the ship, which, however, became a total loss. The Highland Hope was one of the latest additions to the fleet of the Nelson Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., whose "Highland" line comprises a number of fine steamers.

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## DERBY SWEEP ISSUE.

(Continued from Page 2.)

permitted to conduct sweepstakes, conditional on the fulfilment of certain conditions of which the most important were in respect of the allocation of not less than 80 per cent of the total subscription as prizes, and in respect of the allocation of chances only to members or subscribers. Such regulations, of course, did not prevent them from printing or publishing tickets—these only said they could not sell tickets.

He submitted that it was a ticket that had been sold to the Police Inspector in the circumstances detailed. "I am asking your Worship," concluded Counsel, "to say that this document comes well within the law. It is with regard to a lottery, and in a ticket. And the individual whose name appears on it is one of those people who had printed or published it or caused to be printed or published. I am asking you on that account to convict irrespective of the other count."

Mr. Lo's Address.

Mr. Lo: In order to save time, I wish to address your Worship not only on this legal point as to whether or not it is a ticket, but also on the surrounding circumstances in order that your Worship will, as I hope, take a certain view of this matter. Mr. Lo proceeded to detail the history and growth of the South China Athletic Association from the time of its inception in 1917, with a membership of 165, to the end of last year, when its membership had increased to over 4,000 and its subscription fees to nearly \$40,000. He set out the multifarious forms of sport in which its members engaged, not overlooking the charitable side as expressed by its maintenance of a number of free vernacular schools.

The Association of which he had the honour to be a President, and of which the three Chinese members on the Legislative Council were honorary Presidents, so far from wanting or wishing to do anything against the laws of the Colony, had throughout all those years, tried in every way to meet with all official regulations. "It is only right that I should be acknowledging the big debt of obligation which the Association owes to the authorities for their every sympathetic attitude towards this Association. In this case, I say that this sympathetic attitude, referred to, undoubtedly, maintained. But as your Worship may or may not know, there was one or two prosecutions last year against Clubs—some of them charitable Clubs—for running lotteries; and in spite of the fact that the Association itself has in fact been running Sweeps for many years, as your Worship knows, in August last, the Executive Committee found it necessary to meet and solemnly discuss the matter."

Mr. Lo went on to relate what ensued, when in their desire to ascertain exactly the requirements of the authorities, the Committee through Mr. Lo as their President and legal adviser, approached the Police authorities. A letter was addressed by Mr. Lo to the Deputy Inspector General of Police to which Mr. King very courteously sent a reply enclosing a copy of the latest regulations issued by the Police Department, which regulations were practically reproduced in the amendment (Section 18) subsequently inserted in the Gambling Ordinance in the following October.

Whereas, said Mr. Lo, in the olden days all these Police Regulations issued were, as Mr. Fitzroy or Mr. King would agree, merely to be intimations by a responsible Department that if you complied with certain instructions they will not interfere with you, the view taken by the Association's Committee was, rightly or wrongly, that the new Ordinance merely served to invest the Regulations with the sanctity of the law; so that they felt that since they were obeying the latest regulations which had now been sanctioned by the law,

that was all that needs be done. If they had consulted him later as their President and legal adviser, and if the letter had been submitted to him, in view of the Regulations to which the Committee was referred, he thought no one would later have said they would not apply for permission as a mere matter of formality under the Ordinance. That aspect of the case did not then strike the committee at all.

A Misunderstanding.

Mr. Lo went on to stress the readiness of the Club to comply with the requirements of the authorities, and submitted that failure to apply for the formal permission in this case was due to misunderstanding through the circumstances he detailed.

Turning to the legal issue, Mr. Lo said that the Court was asked to give its judicial ruling whether the document in the case was a ticket of the nature prohibited by the new amended Gambling Ordinance, No. 12, of 1930.

Apart from the technical formality of permission not having been sought which the prosecution was not pressing, the sweepstake was a bona fide one within the provisions of Section 18, and the judicial ruling was therefore confined to the structure that "no tickets should be sold." He (Mr. Lo) had spent some hours in the Law Library without result, for an authoritative definition of "ticket," except that he was informed in Abbott's Law Dictionary that the word had "no fixed or determined meaning." He was, however, perfectly content to accept the definitions quoted by Mr. Fitzroy and added some of his own. One of these defining a lottery ticket as a piece of paper bearing some number in a lottery which entitles the holder to receive such prize as may be drawn against that number. When it draws no number, it is said to draw a blank and the holder has nothing to receive. That was the definition of a lottery ticket.

On the document, no such definition was contained. It was a pure announcement, said Mr. Lo, of the Committee informing the subscriber that certain chances had been allotted to him. In every case, there was a register of numbers signed for by the members, and there was an official list of numbers so allotted. The letter, in effect, says "We have allotted to you a certain number. We ask you to take a note of that and send us the amount so as to confirm this. Otherwise, if you don't pay, it is void." Mr. Lo submitted that the "in the last instance, referred to," "allotment." The letter was merely given to a person as a matter of convenience for members. On the documents before his Worship and in the light of the evidence given, could his Worship possibly hold that this letter in form as well as in substance, was other than a letter issued by certain officials of the Association to fellow members, in every case fellow members, informing them that at their request, they had been allotted certain numbers.

Mr. Lo at this point, referred his Worship to a printed form that had been circulated inviting subscribers to join in the Hongkong Jockey Club Sweepstakes. Invited to give his views thereon, Mr. Fitzroy declared he had not the slightest hesitation in holding that it was a ticket, which was being hawked. He himself had received one through the post.

The Decision.

After further argument, regarding the nature of the document at issue in the case, and the rights it might be held to confer in the sense that certain rights were conferred by the possession of a railway or theatre ticket, his Worship observed that the more he thought of the matter, the more was he convinced the document came within the definition of a ticket, and the Ordinance would make it appear to be a lottery ticket. He must convict on this summons.

Mr. Fitzroy: Then I won't proceed on the other summons.

This was withdrawn; and his Worship then imposed a fine of \$10.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Woeful Waste.

[To The Editor of Hongkong  
Telegraph.]

My dear,—I didn't see you at the Dance. No invitation? How galling, my dear, but anyhow there's St. Patrick's and the Volunteers' though they are different, aren't they?

Simply all the best people were there and all trying so bravely to show they weren't haunted by the Spectre of Poverty. But the frocks, my dear, too utterly economical and practically no backs, only what the Observers man calls "a V-shaped depression between the Bonins." Nothing lavish, my dear, but Angus said he'd never seen so much waist.

And there wasn't a collection though Tubby said there was sure to be as the Government has simply no money left, but everything was quite free and heaps of people simply hibernated in the supper room and ate like Indian Famine Victims—too glutinous, my dear, but the poor things hadn't been able to afford a meal for weeks.

And the Bar, my dear! Did Arty miss His Bottle? I trow not. Why, they clung like molluscs and got so damp they became positively fungoid.

And, oh, those uniforms! Just 'oo scintillating, my dear, and the glittering satrap who took me to supper says it's real gold and no wonder there's none in circulation. Angus said we could have staid off the dollar at 2/- with the braid off their trousers and why weren't the Commissioners there to take them off but they couldn't have done that with us there, could they? How terribly thrilling to wear 18 carrot pants, my dear.

Tubby says there were quantities of civil servants there simply seeking of confidential dollars and flaunting their misbegotten gains—too leoprous, my dear, sort of Caligula's head at the Feast you know, and I say they really ought to be insulated because they do tarnish the air.—Your terpsicorean, PORSY.

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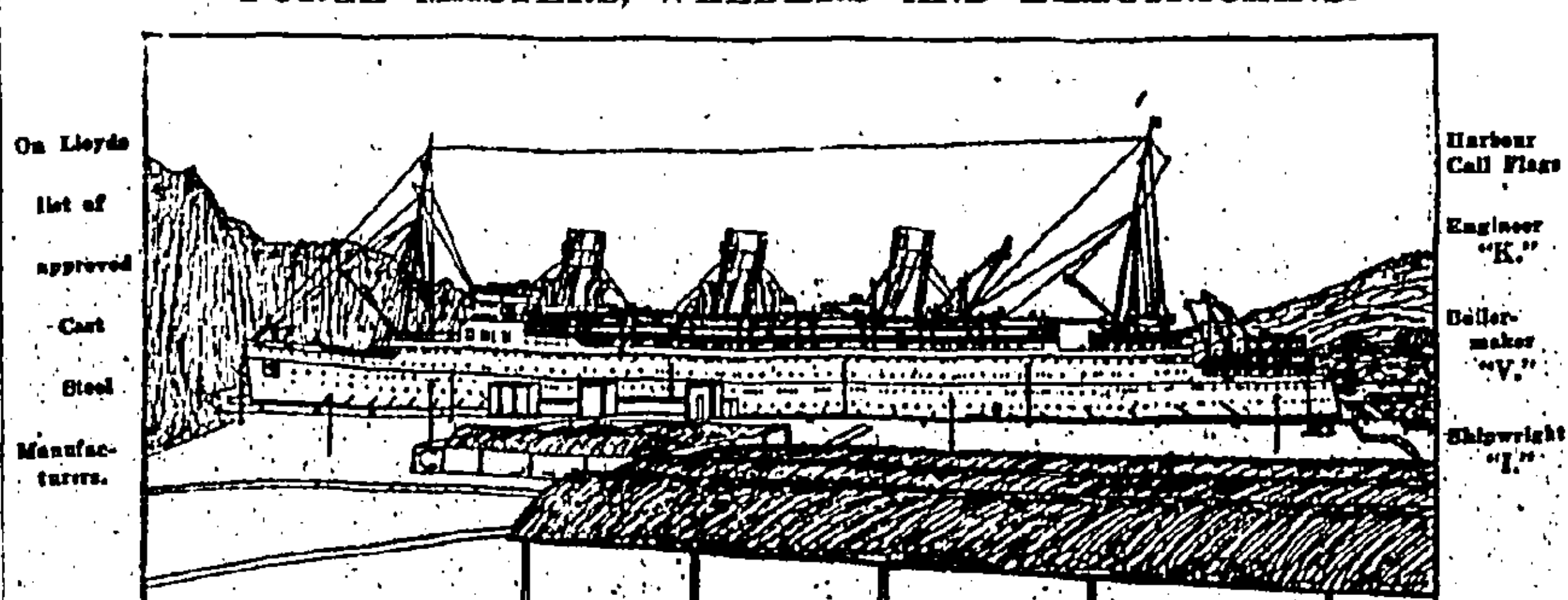
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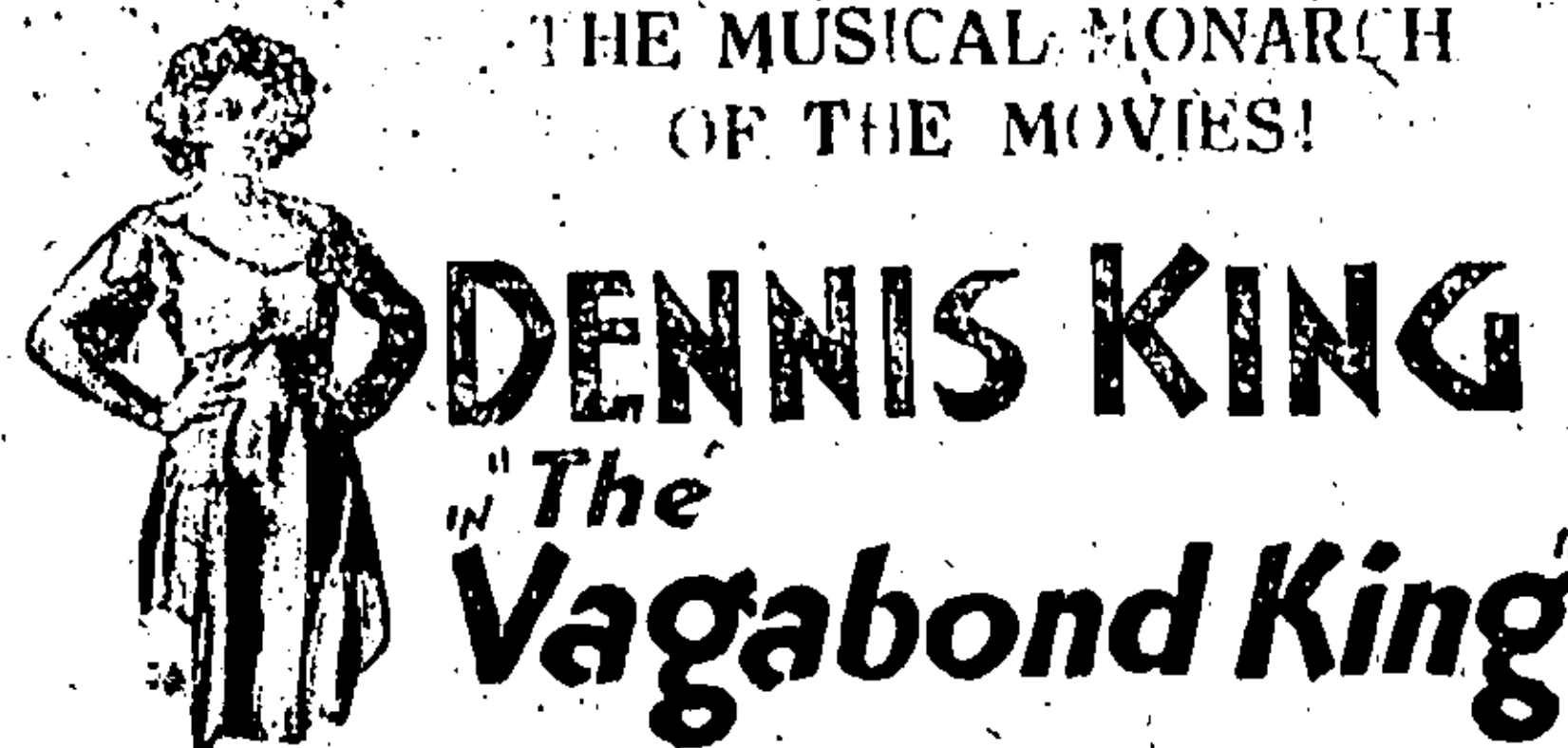


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## DISPUTE OVER BUS BRAKES.

TRAMWAY COMPANY DENY OFFENCE.

HEARING FIXED.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, as manager of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., who are operating the Kai Tak motor buses in Kowloon, was summoned before Mr. Hamilton this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court for allowing one of the company's vehicles to be on the road without being fitted with two independent and efficient brakes in Salisbury Road on February 11.

The driver of the bus was also summoned for driving the vehicle which had faulty brakes.

Mr. O.E.C. Martin appeared for Mr. Bellamy and intimated that he was denying the summons, the hearing of which would probably take some time, as he would be calling four witnesses.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Martin said that his witnesses would dispute the evidence of Sergeant Scrim who had tested the brakes. The vehicle had been subsequently tested by European engineers, who would be called.

Mr. Martin mentioned that he wished to clear up one point before the hearing and that was whether Sergeant Scrim would be calling Sub-Inspector Mason as a witness, as the defence required that advice.

Sergeant Scrim replied that he would not be calling Sub-Inspector Mason, whereupon Mr. Martin remarked that he would be wanting him.

The hearing was fixed for the afternoon of Friday next, at 2.30 p.m.

On a charge of allowing his motor car to cause an obstruction in Canton Road on February 16, Mr. C. E. Terry, of the Kowloon Godowns, was fined \$5. The defendant said he had left it there under the impression that the driver was going to put it in the garage.

## WHITE HOUSE CLASH WITH PARLIAMENT.

VETO LIKELY TO BE OVERRIDDEN.

Washington, Feb. 26.

President Hoover, as was expected, has vetoed the Soldiers' Bonus Bill, which throws a huge burden on the resources of the Government, requiring heavy loan flotations in the next two years.

In view of the huge majorities by which the Bill was passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate, however, the representatives forthwith decided to sustain the measure. The Senate are expected to do likewise and thus override the Presidential veto. — *Reuter's American Service.*

## CHINESE PROPERTY SEIZED.

SOVIET ACTION AT VLADIVOSTOK.

Harbin, Feb. 26.

The action of the Soviet Government in seizing Chinese property at Vladivostok valued at 3,000,000 rubles has caused strong resentment among Chinese merchants who have appealed to the Mukden Government for assistance.

The property belongs to a Chinese merchant prince, Wang Hei-ku. The alleged reason is that Mr. Wang failed to pay the required land assessment tax of 150,000 roubles.

## MOSCOW TO BECOME A MINOR STATE.

AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC UNIT IN RUSSIA.

Moscow, Feb. 26.

The Regional Congress has decided to turn Moscow into an independent administrative and economic unit, with a separate budget and a separate Executive Committee.

The decision has been taken on the ground that the population of the city is over three millions, who produce twelve per cent. of the total Russian production. — *Reuter.*

## OVERCAST WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened slightly and is now central near Shanghai. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. Local forecast: — N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast.

## FAKED ROBBERY SUGGESTED.

CLUES IN AN INTERESTING AFFAIR.

MAN DISCHARGED.

Deductions quelling the best that could be produced by the adventures of Sherlock Holmes figured in a case which Detective-Inspector W. Shannon was recently called upon to investigate upon the receipt of the report of an armed robbery.

On China New Year's Eve the officer said, he was called to No. 110, Jervois Street, upon the first floor of which an armed robbery was reported to have taken place. On his arrival, he found a man named Ho Kwan-chiu in a cubicle, his hands and feet bound with wires and a handkerchief around his neck which appeared to have slipped down after being used to secure a peg.

In the course of enquiries, he was informed that Ho had already been dismissed from the employment of the shop on the ground floor, but had been allowed to stay on until the Chinese New Year. It was also discovered that he was heavily in debt.

One of the drawers of a desk, had been apparently forced open, and the cash contents amounting to \$365, extracted.

Three Clues.

Examining the kitchen, Inspector Shannon continued, he found (a) scraps of wire similar to the wire with which Ho's hands and feet were secured;

(b) a kitchen meat-chopper with dents in the cutting edge;

(c) a wooden stool or trestle with bits of wire embedded in it.

The deduction to be drawn from these three clues was that a length of wire had been cut on the stool with the chopper, and from the fact that the scraps left embedded on the stool were found to be similar to the wire with which Ho's hands and feet were tied, the finger of suspicion pointed to Ho as having "faked" an armed robbery in order to obtain money which his financial position, coupled with prospects of employment being remote, revealed him to be badly in need of.

The wires with which Ho was secured were so loosely bound as not to leave any mark on the flesh. It was not suggested that he tied himself up—he would not be able, at any rate, to tie his own hands behind his back. The information the Inspector received was that Ho was tied up by another person not in custody.

Man Charged.

Ho Kwan-chiu was brought up on a charge before Mr. Williams today on a charge of larceny of \$360 which was not recovered.

Inspector Shannon said: Although there is a considerable amount of evidence to show that he actually had taken the money, there is not sufficient evidence to prove conclusively that that had happened. I am accordingly instructed by the Inspector General of Police to withdraw the charge, as it would be a waste of your Worship's time to go into the evidence. There is an element of doubt which we cannot get over. Defendant was discharged.

## CHINA TO GO ON GOLD BASIS.

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his exact duties will be apart from seeing if there is any way in which he, or the technical organization of the League can help in China's problems.

Met by Nanking Representative.

Mr. Loy Chang, who is representing Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister for Finance, arrived in Hongkong on the Malva this morning, and will accompany Sir Arthur to Shanghai and Nanking.

Sir Arthur stated that countries abroad were cognizant of China's position and the League had been carefully studying the situation.

Educated at Oxford, Sir Arthur Saiter has held high positions in several Government departments. He has been attached to the League for eight years and has made a keen study of international economies.

Miss J. Winters appeared before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on a summons for driving a motor car on the Causeway Road without an appropriate driver's licence, while Flying Officer A. D. Bennett, of the Royal Air Force, was summoned for allowing Miss Winters, an unlicensed driver, to drive his car. Both defendants admitted their respective offences and were each fined \$10.

## WILL ROGERS AS PRESIDENT.

U.S. COMEDIAN CHOICE OF YOUNG DEMOCRATS.

SERIOUS SELECTION.

Muskogee, Feb. 21.

Meeting here to-day the League of Young Democrats unanimously endorsed Mr. Will Rogers, the well-known actor, author and newspaper humorist, for the presidency of the United States.

Jesters for the past several years have sought to boom Mr. Rogers' presidential candidacy but to-day the Democrats who met here declared they are serious in their advocacy of the actor.

Mr. Rogers for some time was known to the country as the honorary "mayor of Beverly Hills." He is a native of Oklahoma which, when he was born, was known as the Indian Territory. He numbers American Indians among his ancestors.

For three years Rogers was a popular motion picture actor. He starred in the Night Follies and in the Zigzag Follies in New York. He has made lecture tours in the United States and abroad. Among his widely read witticisms are:

"There's Not a Bathing Suit in Russia," "The Illiterate Digest," "Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to his President," "The Cowboy Philosopher on Prohibition," "Rogersisms," "The Cowboy Philosopher on the Peace Conference," and "What We Laugh At."

## NEW STEAMBOAT CO. SYSTEM.

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have been entitled to substantial deductions in respect of this increased opposition. If the amount deductible by the farmers was to be credited to the account, the result would have shown a profit of approximately \$9,772.14.

The usual overhauls and repairs effected to the Company's fleet of steamers and are all in good running order.

Directors and Auditors.

In accordance with the Article of Association, Mr. R. K. Batchelor and Mr. Li Tse Fong retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. During the year the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Messrs. J. P. Warren, J. H. Little, J. M. Alves, R. E. Coxon, and A. B. Stewart resigned from the Board and Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Li Tse Fong and Mr. M. K. Lo were elected as Directors at the last Annual General Meeting, and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Briga and Mr. C. A. da Rosa were invited to join the Board.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, who offer themselves as auditors for the present year.

## BANISHEE SENT TO GAOL.

"A BIT QUEER IN THE HEAD."

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on an elderly Chinese who was charged with returning from banishment, having been deported from the Colony last year for a period of ten years.

The defendant said that he was fully aware of the law and its penalties for disobeying the order, but he had been brought back to Hongkong by his wife who had personally gone to him and told him that he need not be afraid as there were many others who were returning from banishment.

His Worship, in imposing the sentence, remarked that the defendant seemed a bit queer in the head.

## OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN LEGATION QUARTER.

U.S. MARINES BURNED OUT OF "HOMES."

Peking, Feb. 26.

Some excitement was caused in the Peking Legation quarter by an outbreak of fire which occurred yesterday morning, destroying over twenty makeshifts erected for the accommodation of U.S. Marines forming part of the U.S. forces at Peking.

The cause of the outbreak is not known. All the soldiers escaped from the scene although some of their belongings were destroyed. The fire brigade arrived early to assist foreigners in extinguishing the flames which did not involve other buildings in the Quarter.

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